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### PUBLIC SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

An event of great interest to the pupils and well-wishers of the Stirling Public School took place on Thursday afternoon of last week, when the semi-annual public examination was held. The function, which was somewhat unique in the history of public school education in this village, being the first of its kind in which all departments of the school participated, was most enjoyable and instructive throughout, and outsiders, for the time being, had an opportunity of witnessing certain phases of class work which, under ordinary conditions, are reserved for the eyes of teachers and pupils.

The entire school was on fete, so to speak. All the departments were thrown open to the visitors, which included, in addition to the greater number of the members of the Board of Education and the clergy of the village, upwards of seventy-five parents and friends of the pupils.

Two members of the Board, who have always evinced the kindest interest in the work of the school, and who, in the past, have been frequent visitors to the school, were unavoidably absent. These were Dr. Faulkner and Mr. Jas. Boldrick. Each sent a personal regret at inability to be present.

The rooms presented an inviting appearance, having been prettily decorated for the occasion with flags, pictures, blackboard drawings, and samples of what the pupils can do in the way of penmanship and map drawing.

Some of the blackboard drawings were excellent, and reflected the greatest credit on the artists who sketched them. Especially praiseworthy was the freehand work of Miss F. Robinson in the primary department and of Master Roscoe Rosebush, in the senior room. Each of these pupils gave evidence of the possession of artistic talents of no mean order, and their drawings evoked many favorable commendations. Another series of blackboard sketches which attracted considerable attention were those depicting the flowers of Easter-tide. These were drawn with marked attention to detail and shading. They served to emphasize the near approach of Easter Day and the sublime truths associated with the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Owing to the foresight of Principal Stinson, visitors to the school had no difficulty in reaching the departments they wished to visit. Monitors from the various departments, each of whom wore a badge, were stationed at the main entrance to the school and the visitors, on their arrival, were immediately taken in charge by these and conducted to the rooms they were chiefly interested in. At the doors of these rooms the former were handed over to inside monitors whose duty it was to direct their guests to seats. When seated, the visitors were presented with badges and souvenirs. By this arrangement confusion was avoided and a ready ingress into the various rooms was made possible.

Among the pupils who acted as monitors and ushers were Miss Margarette Whitby, Miss Charlotte Tulloch, Miss Mary Kennedy, Miss Ella Brown, Miss Madeline Stinson, Miss Gladys Moore, Miss Mollie Graine, Miss Blanche Montgomery, Master Roy Bissonnette and Master Harry Graine.

Miss Bertha Reynolds subsequently secured the signatures of the visitors to the school. The class work, for the most part, was conducted by the teachers, including Principal Stinson, Miss Lambly, Miss Martin and Mrs. Robinson. In some cases, however, the classes were given over, for the time being, to certain of the visitors, among the number being the Rev. J. H. Coleman, Dr. Bissonnette, Mr. Minchin, Mr. L. McKeljohn and Mr. Clifford Caverley. The ready manner in which the pupils answered the questions of these gentlemen, and the thoroughness and efficiency of their answers, subsequently drew forth the unqualified praise of their examiners.

On the conclusion of the programme in the senior department, pupils and visitors alike were addressed by Messrs. Joseph Doak, Henry Warren, C. W. Thompson and Albert Chard. All referred in terms of commendation to the management and efficiency of the school.

During the afternoon the pupils of the second and third department were ably addressed by the Rev. J. C. Bell and the Rev. Richard Duke.

Special notice should be made of the excellent musical numbers which interspersed the more practical work. The programme included Easter hymns and patriotic selections. A number of recitations were also given in a highly creditable manner. The singing of "The Holy City" by the pupils of the senior department, was a feature of the afternoon's exercises in that room.

The admirable conduct of the pupils under the severe mental strain of the afternoon was most favorably commented on by the visitors and the members of the Board of Education.

The function throughout was a great

success, and the efforts of teachers and pupils to please did not pass unmarked or unappreciated by those who were fortunate enough to be present. The attendance would doubtless have been much larger had the weather been less disagreeable.

Well-wishers of the school, who failed to attend the examination will have an opportunity next week of seeing the blackboard drawings and decorations, as it is the intention of the Principal and teachers to allow all such to remain until Friday week. During the week friends may visit the school at their leisure and inspect the work of the pupils.

The teachers of the school wish to thank those who took over the classes on Thursday last, as well as those who furnished flowers and flags for the different rooms. Mr. Jas. Boldrick is also thanked for the gift of a couple of pictures of the King and Queen to the senior department. Mrs. W. J. Reynolds, for the loan of the flag, which floated all day from the pole over the school; Mr. Geo. Whitty for the loan of sixty chairs; and the resident ministers for their addresses.

Unfortunately, the Rev. Mr. Burns was prevented from attending the examination, owing to another engagement.

Names of those who attended the Public School Examination, held on Thursday afternoon, March 31st—

Florence Brown, Mrs. J. W. Brown, Hettie Bailey, Irene Duke, Rev. J. H. Coleman, Rev. J. C. Bell, Rev. Richard Duke, Mrs. John Doak, Mrs. Jas. Tulloch, Myrtle Hough, Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. Conley, Mrs. Clara Reuben, Lanning, Helen Tulloch, Kate McGee, May Drewry, Mrs. J. E. Halliwell, Mrs. Jas. Boldrick, Jessie Ward, Maude Ward, Mrs. W. J. Reynolds, Nellie Davis, Mrs. W. H. Minchin, H. Minchin, C. D. Caverley, Mrs. Wm. Montgomery, Mrs. A. McCutcheon, Mrs. Mary Bygott, Mrs. T. A. Eggleston, Mrs. C. Kingston, Mrs. W. F. Ashley, Mrs. Jas. Cooney, Miss Lillian Warren, Miss Rose Warren, Mr. E. Kennedy, Mrs. C. W. Thompson, Mrs. D. J. Utman, Donald A. Bird, Mrs. Bissonnette, Henry Warren, C. W. Thompson, A. Chard and Joseph Doak (trustees), Mrs. Geo. H. Luery, Ella Currie, John Moore, Mrs. John Moore, Dr. J. D. Bissonnette, Master Boldrick, Helena Boldrick, Mrs. A. E. Judd, Julia D. Coleman, Lottie McNabb, Alecia McNabb, Lottie Mann, Mr. McKeljohn, Miss Fanny Brimfield, Mrs. Caverley, Mrs. Zwick, Miss Helen Zwick, Nell Bissonnette, Mr. Sharp, Miss Hutchinson, Ernes Robinson, Don Bissonnette, Percy Morton, Hume Bissonnette, Leslie Kennedy.

Visitors to the school building to see blackboard drawings, map drawings and other samples of pupils' work, since Thursday—G. G. Thibier, Sec.-Treas. of the Board of Education; Dr. Faulkner, Chairman Board of Education; James Currie (News-Argus), Mr. Chas. Mitchell, Mr. Jas. Sullivan, Mr. E. Parker, Mr. Henry Kerr (trustee), John M. Black, Miss Reynolds, Mr. Westcott, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Fred. Ferguson, Robert Johnson, B.A., Principal Collegiate Institute, Pictou, Dr. Zwick, Percy Watts, J. A. Warren.

### Sidney Township Council.

Town Hall, Sidney, March 23. Members present—S. T. Vandervoort, Reeve; M. F. Sullivan, C. H. Ketcheson, J. M. Scott, J. H. Farrell, councillors.

A communication from Mrs. Eliza J. Flint was read. Moved by J. M. Scott, seconded by J. H. Farrell, that the clerk communicate with Mrs. Flint re Mrs. Simmonds, and report at next Council. Carried.

Moved by M. F. Sullivan, seconded by J. H. Farrell, that the following accounts be paid: Municipal World, \$1.21; Dr. Simmonds, M. H. O., \$20; A. H. Wease, S. I., \$28; John Kierman, \$1.60. Carried.

A petition was presented by J. M. Scott from J. W. Sager and others, asking aid for John Jesse Smith.

Moved by J. M. Scott, that we grant John Jesse Smith \$10, to be placed with Mr. J. Dohohoe to be expended. Carried.

The auditors, Mr. E. F. Turley and Mr. Finkle, presented their report.

Moved by C. H. Ketcheson, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that Mr. Robert be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the clerk publish abstracts in two local papers. Carried.

Collector's report was received and adopted. Moved by Mr. C. H. Ketcheson, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the resignation of Mr. H. G. Blecker, road surveyor, be accepted, and that the thanks of this Council be tendered to Mr. Blecker for his very efficient services. Carried.

A by-law to appoint pound keepers and fence viewers, also a by-law to appoint a road surveyor, were passed through their various stages, and numbered 457 and 458 consecutively.

Mr. Wm. G. Ketcheson, Wallbridge, was appointed road surveyor.

Moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Ketcheson, that this Council request the Grand Trunk Railway Company to alter the prayer of the petition of the ratepayers of the township of Sidney asking them to grant a flag station at Sidney Crossing, in said township. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the Council adjourn until Monday, May 30th, the Clerk to advertise Council at 9 a.m., and Court of Revision at 11 a.m. Carried.

A. M. CHAPMAN, T'p Clerk.  
Frankford, March 23, 1904.

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Plenty of Good Shoes for Men and Women, all at moderate prices.

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All kinds of Harness, Wagons and Carriages.

Only two United States Cream Separators left, capacity 350 and 450 pounds per hour, which we will sell at cost for cash.

**LANKTREE & FRENCH.**  
P.S.—A good farm team of horses, which will weigh about 1500 lbs. each, for sale; also, a two-year-old heifer, three of them milking now.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN JOYE, late of Stirling, in the County of Hastings, Blacksmith, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chap. 129, Sec. 26, to all creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of John Joye, late of Stirling, in the County of Hastings, Blacksmith, deceased, who did on or about the 15th day of July, A.D. 1903, die, to send by mail, prepaid, or otherwise deliver to Robert Johnston or Mrs. Emily A. Fair, Minto, Ont., the Executors of the above named deceased, on or before the 10th day of April, 1904, a statement in writing of their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims or demands and full particulars of the nature of the security (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given that after the date above mentioned the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to those claims or demands of which shall have been given as required.

All persons indebted to the said estate are also hereby notified to hand in the amount of their indebtedness to the said Administrator on or before the 10th day of April, 1904.

**J. EARL HALLIWELL,**  
Solicitor for the Administrator.  
Dated the 22nd day of March, A.D. 1904.

### Notice To Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of BENJAMIN HAGEMAN FAIR, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, Farmer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chap. 129, Sec. 26, to all creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of Benjamin Hageman Fair, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, Farmer, deceased, who did on or about the 18th day of February, A.D. 1904, to send by mail, prepaid, or otherwise deliver to Robert Johnston or Mrs. Emily A. Fair, Minto, Ont., the Executors of the above named deceased, on or before the 10th day of April, 1904, a statement in writing of their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims or demands and full particulars of the nature of the security (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given that after the date above mentioned the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to those claims or demands of which shall have been given as required.

All persons indebted to the said estate are also hereby notified to hand in the amount of their indebtedness to the said Administrator on or before the 30th day of April, A.D. 1904.

**J. EARL HALLIWELL,**  
Solicitor for the Administrator.  
Dated the 30th day of March, 1904.



## PNEUMATIC TUBE SYSTEM

DESPATCHING AND RECEIVING APPARATUS.

The New Postal Service Is In Use in European and American Cities.

The announcement was made recently that the Dominion Government were considering the establishment of the pneumatic tube system between the central and branch postoffices in the principal cities in Canada. A vote of \$165,000 for the installation of this system in Toronto was included in the estimates submitted to Parliament.

The Batcheller system of pneumatic despatch, of the purpose of carrying small and telegrams, has been for some time installed in the large cities of Europe, London, Liverpool, Paris, Berlin and Vienna; also in New York, Philadelphia and other cities of the United States.

### FIRST PNEUMATIC SYSTEM.

The system of pneumatic despatch dates back to the year 1853, when it was established in London, England, by a man named Clark. The first system was very crude, and was installed between the central and stock exchange stations of the City of London. Carriers containing batches of telegrams, fitted piston-wise in the tube, were sucked through it in one direction only, by the production of a partial vacuum at the end. The length of this tube was 220 yards, and it was 1 1/2 inches in diameter. The circuit system used in Paris is the basis of the system used in New York, Philadelphia and other American cities today. The interior diameter of the tubes installed in the Paris pneumatic Despatch System is 12 1/2 inches in diameter and the tubing is composed of iron or lead. The diameters of the English tubes is 3 inches and are composed of lead. The American tube is much larger and is made of brass.

### IN DEPARTMENTAL STORES.

The pneumatic despatch system is now a marked feature of every large departmental store, where it is used for handling the cash, thus saving a great deal of time, and facilitating the checking of the different departments.

The introduction of this pneumatic system into the Postoffice Department will be a long step in the right way for in nothing is more rapidly required than in the handling of letters. This has become so apparent that the different European governments have installed these pneumatic plants in all their large cities for the handling of mail matter.

### FINEST IN THE WORLD.

The finest plant in the world is probably the Batcheller pneumatic plant installed in the Central Postoffice in New York City. The inside diameter of the tubing is eight inches. It is the circuit system, the compressor and receiving ends being situated at the central office. The sending apparatus consists of two tube sections, mounted on a swinging frame inserted in the main tube, so that either of the swinging tubes can be brought in line with the main tube, somewhat after the manner of the chambers of a revolver. This swinging frame is timed, so that there is an interval of eight or ten seconds between carriers. The carriers are always placed in the despatching end under pressure, but at the receiving end there is no pressure, as this would create a continuous draught. Just before coming to the receiving end, the air is deflected into another pipe, but the carrier, propelled by its own momentum, is carried through a valve and comes in contact with the air cushion and is then released into the receiving trays. This carrier is seven inches in diameter and twenty-four inches long and capable of carrying about 700 letters. There are two strips of leather around the cylinder, one-half inch thick, thus causing the carrier to fit tightly and yet be capable of going through the bends in the tube. There is a pressure of six pounds to the square inch, which is maintained along at the rate of thirty miles an hour. It weighs thirty pounds, and can be easily understood what a force this cylinder has when travelling at a velocity of thirty miles an hour.

### VALUE AS A TIME-SEVER.

The value of this system to the Postoffice Department is obvious. As a time-saver it has no equal. Besides, the collection of mail from the branch offices would not be intermittent as it is when collected by horse car and wagon, and would prevent that congestion which is always the result of bringing in a wagon load of mail. The tube system would bring the mail in more frequently and in smaller quantities and would render its handling a matter of comparative ease.

The eight-inch tube, according to Mr. Batcheller, is the limit in size, as a larger tube system would necessitate heavier carriers, a differently constructed set of buffers and a greatly increased pneumatic force. Larger carriers would have to be run on wheels.

The capacity of a seven-inch carrier is about 500 to 700 letters, and to ten seconds. This would make the carrying capacity of the pneumatic tube system about 35,000 letters an hour.

There have been no statements given out in regard to the size of the tubing to be adopted by the Toronto postoffice, but no doubt it will be on the principle of the Batcheller system as installed in the principal American cities.

## FANS FULL OF MEANING

THOSE OF JAPAN TELL MANY TALES.

Scenery, History, Animal Life, Politics and Other Things.

"You want a fan?" echoed the smiling Japanese merchant. "What kind?"

The man looked around hopelessly. "I don't know," he said. "I want to get a lot of wind, I want to get a lot of rain, I want to get a lot of sun, I want to get a lot of everything."

The Japanese gave him six big fans and came back to the reporter. "There was a certain mild pity in his smiling eyes."

"You are so queer about fans," he said, in his soft, precise little fashion. "You want them only to make you cool?"

"Why not?" asked the reporter.

"O, it is all right. You do not understand. A fan is nothing to you, but to us—why, in Japan and China a fan is a thing of importance. To cool one—yes, that is one use, but only one use. A fan talks with us. It tells many things."

### FULL OF MEANING.

"You look at a Japanese fan. It means nothing to you. You think the color, the picture are pretty, very nice. That is all, but to us who know, the color, the shape, the decoration hold the meaning."

"Fujivara is just a mountain to you. It is sacred to us. You don't know our flowers and birds and their symbolism."

"I could give you this little paper fan with white storks flying over it and you'd never know that I was wishing you long life, and you wouldn't understand that this cobweb design is for mourning."

"I can't look at a Japanese fan in any one's hand without a whole swarm of associations and fancy and sentiment spring up and buzz in my head, and sometimes I wonder why foreigners don't feel enough interest to wonder what your Japanese fan says and look up the meaning. I should think it would be an interesting fan, and you love fans."

### FANS FOR EVERY OCCASION.

"You see, there are so many kinds of fans in Japan, and each kind has its own use. Even the dolls have their own fans, and the children have theirs."

"There's a tea fan, used only at the solemn tea feast. The little cakes are handled with it, but one doesn't use it to fan with."

"Our dancers and geisha girls have their own type of fan, decorated appropriately, and our jugglers carry fans that suit their trade. There is a kitchen fan, to be used for belovs, and a bamboo water fan that is dipped in water often while being used, so that it makes the air it stirs cooler."

"Almost every political event of importance in Japan has been pictured on fans, and often the rulers have had to forbid the carrying of certain fans because they spread trouble and sedition. You could have a whole history of Japan on fans if you could find the right fans."

"Some of the old fans are not used now. The ancient court fans were folding fans of wood, decorated with silk artificial flowers, and each noble family had its own flower that no one else dared use."

### KIND CARRIED BY OFFICERS.

"The war fan is of iron, covered with lacquer, and the generals are seen with a dagger fan. The mobsmen in Japan carry them, but it is against the law to take them into China. Chinamen have them, all the same."

"Everybody carries a fan in China. It is even more general there than in Japan, and there's so much fan etiquette among the Chinese that I don't see how they have time to learn anything else."

"You know what the fan stands for in Japan, don't you? No? Why, it is the emblem of life, and the right at the avon of the god Kashima."

"He received orders to subdue the world, so he ran his sword straight through the earth and left it there. The world would fall to pieces if the sword rivet were pulled out."

"That story suggested the making of the folding fans, but there's an old legend that says the widow of a famous Japanese patriot invented the folding fan. She went into a convent in Kito after her husband's death, and when a great saint was dying of fever she cured him by folding a piece of paper and fanning him night and day. The nuns copied the paper fan, and the order is famous for its fans even now."

### PEOPLE WHO FAIL.

The lazy man who allows his faculties to rust, doing as little as possible, allowing ambition, energy, and self-respect to go up, literally and figuratively, in smoke.

The lazy young man who shirks his tasks, whether as wife or wage-earner, and slips through life as easily as possible.

The lazy young woman who gets to the office late, leaves early, and grumbles continually at the firm who employs her.

The lazy young man who arranges her hair, manicures her fingernails, gossips continually, and takes but a languid and haughty interest in the wants of the customers.

The lazy person who dishonestly appropriates praise or commendations belonging to another.

The young man who always spends his money before he gets it.

And there are others.

"There are some things," said the philosopher, "that money cannot buy. I suppose so, answered Senator Sorghum. "But that doesn't alter the fact that there is an almighty lot of things that it will buy."

"Ticket Collector—'How old are you, little girl?' Little Girl—'If the company doesn't object I prefer to pay my fare and keep my own statistics.'"

## SUICIDES EIGHT WIVES

FIVE ALIVE, TWO MISSING AND ONE MURDERED.

Discovery of Body in a Trunk Revealed Succession of Crimes.

Public interest continues to be largely absorbed in the extraordinary developments following the suicide of a man named George Crossman, says a despatch from London, England.

On the night of March 23 Crossman, who is living in the respectable suburb of Kensal Rise, killed himself to avoid arrest by the police, whose suspicions had been aroused regarding the contents of a trunk which Crossman was sending away from his house.

On opening the trunk the body of a woman was found concealed in a compartment. An investigation proved that she was murdered about six months ago, and that she was one of Crossman's eight wives. Five of his wives were traced and found alive, one dead, and two are missing. The identity of the body found in the trunk cannot yet be ascertained, but account of decomposition and injury were such that it was believed to be the skull.

The police believe it possible that the investigation may prove that Crossman adopted a similar method in ridding himself of other superfluous wives, of which, it is suspected, he may have had several who have not yet been traced.

Though only about 30 years old, Crossman's career rivals that of the most famous criminals. Under various aliases he led a double and even a triple married life, posing successfully, according to the fancy of the movement, as an engineer, compositor, wig-maker, or bookmaker. His chief means of support, however, appeared to have been derived from his knowledge of the secret of securing through wills and legacies.

His neighbors regarded Crossman as a respectable man, who led a quiet and uninteresting life.

### MARRIED BY WHOLESALE.

Crossman's first wife died, apparently of natural causes, in 1897. He re-married in 1898 at Maidstone, and the same year contracted a bigamous marriage at Maldon, with the result that he was sentenced to five years' penal servitude. Good conduct in prison enabled Crossman to avoid the full term.

Once free he set to work to marry by wholesale. Wife number four was quickly secured. She and her baby recently were living at Crossman's house at Kensal Rise.

At Reading Crossman secured a fifth wife under the name of Seaton. A month later he married again. The whereabouts and fate of this sixth wife are still uncertain. He took his seventh and eighth wives without suspicion being aroused. Crossman found his eighth wife in the young daughter of a London railroad employee, and she is supposed to be the victim he concealed in a trunk.

At the time of his suicide Crossman thus had five wives, besides several children. The discovery occurred through the suspicions of a lodger to whom Crossman let some rooms at Kensal Rise. Crossman was living with one of his many wives, who occupied the same room where the dead body of the other wife was concealed in a trunk. The lodger traced an odor thence, and Crossman agreed to send the trunk away. He attempted to do so the lodger notified the police, and when they attempted to arrest him Crossman cut his own throat and died instantly.

The body found in the trunk, from which the cement has now been chipped off, is that of a young woman. The police theory is that Crossman, while she was undressing, struck her from behind with an axe, completely severing a portion of the skull, part of which is now missing.

### WHAT IT DOES.

Worth While to Reflect on the Effects of Alcohol.

The following diseases may be directly or indirectly caused by some form of alcoholism: Acute gastric catarrh, chronic gastric catarrh, gastric dilatation, intestinal indigestion, constipation, gout, cholera morbus, pneumonia, dropsy of the abdomen, catarrhus jaundice, congestion of the liver, cirrhosis (ho-nail liver), chronic tubular nephritis (Bright's disease), diabetes mellitus, chronic bronchitis, congestion of the lungs, oedema of the lungs, lobar pneumonia, phthisis, interstitial pneumonia, chronic valvular disease of the heart, dilatation of the heart, chronic fibroid heart, fatty degeneration of the heart, palpitation of the heart, arterio sclerosis, aneurism of the aorta, meningitis (brain fever), apoplexy, congestion of the brain, brain thrombosis and embolism (in youth), nervous vertigo, temulencia (a plain drunkard), delirium tremens, dipsomania.

Alcoholism predisposes to sunstroke, chronic pleurisy, inflammation of the nerve trunks, spinal congestion, spinal meningitis, spinal sclerosis (four forms, one of which is locomotor ataxia), disseminated neuritis, melancholia mania, (insane), delusional insanity, phagedenic ulcer, erysipelas, blood cancer, fatty tumor, monomania, general paralysis (paretic dementia), acquired febriloidness, acute rascas (whiskey nose and cheeks), and trifacial neuralgia.

### SOMETHING LIKE A WAITER.

Stranger (to hotel proprietor): "Have you a vacancy among your waiters?"

Hotel Proprietor: "Well, I don't know. I suppose I might make a place for a man of fine address like you. Have you ever had any experience in waiting?"

Stranger: "Well, I should say so. I waited thirteen years to marry a girl, and last week she married another fellow."

## PERSONAL POINTERS.

Notes of Interest About Some Prominent People.

Mr. Justice Phillimore is the only Judge on the English Bench who can write equally well with both hands. He may often be seen in court taking notes as readily with his left hand as with his right. Sir Walter, however, has a formidable rival in the Hon. E. Chander Leigh, K.C., Recorder of Nottingham, who is able to write with both hands at once.

Many people will be surprised to hear that the Earl of Aberdeen is a skilled engine-driver—no skilled, indeed, that he could even drive an engine from London to the North without difficulty. Locomotives have been his hobby ever since he can remember. As a boy he delighted in travelling on the engines of a local railway, often acting as fireman.

Few people are so skilled, however, as the King never by any chance partakes of butter. Another curious feature of the Royal taste is that His Majesty never takes tea made with milk; he prefers it in the Russian fashion, with a piece of lemon instead of milk.

Edward has a very small foot, comparatively speaking, for he never wears a larger boot than an "eight." His hats, on the contrary, are of more than average size, running to 7 1/2.

A very remarkable collection of photographs is that of Sir Benjamin Stone, M.P., who will take charge of the historic division of the British Photographic Section at the St. Louis Exhibition. They number nearly 30,000, and depict places he has visited and scenes he has witnessed in his many travels.

In the eighteen years during which Sir Benjamin's hobby has been amateur photography he has taken in the aggregate 10,000 negatives, these being chiefly time exposures with a large camera.

There is at present living in Battersea, England, a nonagenarian, Thomas Atkinson, who has a two-fold claim to distinction. He is the oldest engineer in the country, and he began his working life as a rivet boy in George Stephenson's locomotive works. That was in 1824, and that one life had already paid the penalty of her father's long-concealed crime, who went to the police.

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### MR. NOLAN'S EMBASSY.

Mr. Nolan had acquired a great reputation for tact, so that when Mr. Cassidy fell from a ladder and broke his leg it was quickly decided by all workmen that Mr. Nolan should bear the tidings to Mrs. Cassidy.

"He broke the news gradual," said Mr. Leamy to his wife that night. "and by the time she learned the truth, she was as calm as a clock. They say, Oh, he's the great man, is Timmy Nolan!"

"How did he do it?" asked Mrs. Leamy impatiently. "Like this," said Mr. Nolan's admirer. "He went to the house and rang the bell, and he says, 'Thin Dinis is not dead, Mrs. Cassidy, or you'd never be so gay-lookin'.'"

"Dead!" she screeches. "Who said he was dead?" "Thin Dinis is not dead, Mrs. Cassidy, or you'd never be so gay-lookin'." "Thin Dinis is not dead, Mrs. Cassidy, or you'd never be so gay-lookin'." "Thin Dinis is not dead, Mrs. Cassidy, or you'd never be so gay-lookin'."

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## A GIRL'S GUILTY SECRET

TOLD OF A MURDER DONE BY HER FATHER.

Dead, Committed Over Ten Years Ago, and Others Were Convicted.

An absorbingly dramatic story was unfolded at the trial just terminated at Vienna of a man named Kaufmann, who was accused by his own daughter of a murder committed ten years ago. The victim of the crime was a shopkeeper, who had been robbed of a large sum of money and brutally hacked to death.

To the identity of the murderer Kaufmann, frightened by the close investigation which was being made, accused a fellow-townman named Gensinger, the latter's wife, and an ex-soldier named Nagel of having committed the murder.

He added the police in weaving an astonishing web of circumstantial evidence round these three, and in the end the woman and the ex-soldier, between whom there had been an intrigue, were found guilty and sentenced to death, Gensinger being acquitted.

On appeal, however, the death sentence was remitted, as is the custom in Austria when the evidence is of a purely circumstantial character. Nagel died a few years later in prison, where the woman, continually protesting her innocence, was rapidly losing her reason.

### AN ASTONISHING SEQUEL.

To this tragedy of justice miscarried, which came few weeks ago an astounding sequel. Kaufmann's wife, turning out a loft in their house, came across some property which she recognized as having belonged to the murdered shopkeeper. She confronted her husband with it, and he confessed that he was the real murderer.

They agreed to keep their guilty secret, but their conversation had been overheard by their daughter, and, tortured by the thought that an innocent woman was consigned to prison for her father's crime, she had already paid the penalty of her father's long-concealed crime, who went to the police.

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Much has been said and written against the manufacture of fodder cheese, but to little or no purpose, as factory men, or at least some of them, will commence cheesemaking as soon as the weather is warm enough to do so. The only apparent remedy is either an ironclad agreement among factory men not to commence the manufacture of cheese before May 1st, or else an agreement among cheese buyers not to purchase any cheese made before that date. Factory men say that as long as buyers are willing to buy fodder cheese they will be made.

#### The Rawdon Liquor Cases.

Police Magistrate Flint last week gave judgment in the Rawdon liquor cases which were argued before him some time ago. His judgment is a lengthy one, and he thoroughly reviews the law concerning the sale and drinking of liquor in unlicensed premises. As a result of his decision the penalties provided in the act are imposed, which are in some cases \$27.50, or in default of payment one month's imprisonment, and in other cases the penalties imposed are \$57.50, or in default three months' imprisonment. The names of the parties on whom these penalties are imposed are not given.

#### The Cigarette Evil.

Dr. Sheard, City Medical Health Officer, Toronto, replying to inquiries relative to cigarette smoking, after discussing the effect upon the nervous system, says: "I may add in addition that the associations of the cigarette are harmful, especially to susceptible youths. Their advertisements are often set in eastern ideas of debauchery, and pictures are sold with them not intended to improve highest morality and character. The shabby, excitable, timid, deflectable, mental character of the young who indulge in this habit must be known to all who have given any attention to the matter, and, whilst I do not mean to contend that every frailty can be laid at this door, still I believe it is a contributing factor in laying those foundations for aberration which once started, so swiftly passes on to disaster."

#### School Children Ruined.

##### Made Nearly Insane by Cigarettes

Candy stores in the vicinity of yard schools in Brooklyn, N. Y., have been responsible for a dangerous growth of the cigarette evil among school boys, which borders on insanity, and which has now led to a more vigorous crusade against cigarettes than was ever before conducted in Brooklyn.

Recently in public school No. 19, at South Second and Keap streets, a little boy lost his temper, defied his teacher, and in a fit of fury fell on the classroom floor, foaming at the mouth. He had been a good boy, bright as the average, standing well in his class, but gradually there had come a change from a tractable pupil to an ill-tempered, nervous, troublesome boy, unable to make any progress in his studies, and giving constant annoyance to his teachers.

Principal John W. Rafferty hurried down to see what was the matter. He learned over the boy, who was still foaming at the mouth in his nervous fury, and detected a strong, unmistakable odor.

"Cigarettes!" he exclaimed. The nervous collapse of the little boy led to an investigation which brought out the fact that the sale of cigarettes to school boys is ruining dozens of children. Many dealers have been brought into court, where they were confronted by their sorrowful victims. Some of the dealers were women who so far forgot themselves to contribute to the ruin of little children.

#### Village Council.

Council met on Monday evening last. Members all present.

Minutes of last meetings read and approved. An account was read from Dr. Sprague for medical attendance on Mrs. E. F. Smith and others, amounting to \$12.75. On motion the account was laid over for further consideration.

The following accounts were read, and on motion ordered to be paid: Municipal Ward.....\$ 1.00 E. F. Parker, expenses for special election for school trustees..... 3.00 News-Argus, printing and advertising..... 15.80 J. W. Alcorn, and others, work on county roads..... 2.80 Alex. Conley, work for corporation..... .25 Jas. Conley, work for corporation..... .50 J. W. Alcorn, work for corporation..... .50 Wm. Cragg, keep of Mrs. McGowan..... 19.25 Belleville Hospital, for H. G. Thuermer..... 16.00 On motion the auditors' report was adopted, and the clerk was instructed to have the same advertised according to law.

The Council adjourned to Friday evening, April 9th.

Madoc Review: Mr. Percy Chambers, late with McMaster & Co., at Havelock, left Madoc on Sunday night for Grand Falls, Ontario, where he will go into the drug business with his uncle, Mr. James Chambers, an old resident of this section.

There is visiting in Madoc this week, at Mr. Chas. Sandford's, a lady who is entitled to some distinction. She is Mrs. Jas. Jackson, of Eldorado, and she claims to be the first girl, (if not the first child), born in the township of Madoc. Mrs. Jackson is now 73 years of age.—Review.

#### Rawdon Council.

Rawdon Town Hall, March 28, '04. Minutes of a regular meeting of Rawdon Township Council held on above date.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Members all present. Minutes of the last regular meeting were read. Moved by James Whitton, seconded by John Tanner, that the minutes be amended by striking out the clause, re the appointment of P. A. Lott as constable. Carried. Minutes as amended were confirmed.

The collector, Mr. John Bailey, returned his roll, duly collected, and asked the Council to release his bondsmen. Granted.

Mr. Rendell Snell made application for the township printing for the year at \$60. Moved by Mr. Whitton, seconded by Mr. Tanner, that Mr. Snell's tender be accepted. Carried.

George Rutherford presented a petition signed by five ratepayers of the township of Rawdon, asking that an arbitrator be appointed to assist in the formation of a union school section between the townships of Rawdon and Seymour. The Council thought the matter could be arranged without an arbitrator from Rawdon Township, and the matter was deferred until Monday, May 2nd.

Mr. Tanner introduced a by-law to appoint roadmasters, poundkeepers and fenceviewers. By-law passed in regular order, and numbered 241.

On motion the statute labor belonging to lot west half of 21, con. 4, owned by Mr. Johnson, was placed on road division No. 85.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Whitton, that the sum of fifty dollars be granted on the Rawdon and Marmora town line, lots 23 and 24, providing Marmora township Council grant a similar amount. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Tanner, seconded by Mr. Burkitt, that the sum of \$25 be granted on Seymour town line, 14th con., providing Seymour township Council grant a similar amount. Carried.

Council decided that as there were two county constables living in the township, a township constable was not necessary, and the Reeve was instructed to notify P. A. Lott that his services as constable for the township of Rawdon would not be required any longer.

Mr. Burkitt introduced a by-law to repeal by-law No. 240, said by-law No. 240 having authorized the appointment of P. A. Lott as constable for the township of Rawdon. The repealing by-law was passed through the different stages in regular order, was passed, signed, sealed, and numbered 242.

The auditors, Messrs. Scott and Meiklejohn, presented their report. Mr. Scott explained that their report had been filed with the Clerk in proper time, as provided by Statute, but that as there had been no meeting of the Council since Feb. 1st, this was the first opportunity to render the report as had heretofore been done.

The Reeve complimented the auditors on the excellent report rendered, and said he congratulated the ratepayers of the township upon having such efficient officers to safeguard their interests. On motion a vote of thanks was tendered the auditors for the painstaking manner in which their work was done, which was graciously acknowledged by the auditors.

The following amounts were ordered to be paid:

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| John Farrell, gravel job.....                       | \$25.00 |
| Mrs. Orser, for medicine.....                       | 2.00    |
| H. and J. Warren, account.....                      | 1.92    |
| P. A. Lott, services as constable.....              | 3.02    |
| John Morrison, rebate on statute labor.....         | 1.00    |
| S. Armstrong, support of Mrs. Orser.....            | 16.00   |
| Marshall Sweet, wood for Mrs. Gordenier.....        | 5.00    |
| Jas. Pappas, wood for Mrs. Gordenier.....           | 2.50    |
| James Scott, for statement from clerk of Peace..... | 1.05    |
| Richard Goggins, gravel.....                        | 2.80    |

Council adjourned until the first Monday in May.

Thos. C. McConnell, Clerk.

#### Foxboro Notes

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. A. W. Vermilyea, of Belleville, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church last Sunday morning, and gave a very appropriate Easter sermon. The church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and flowers. The choir rendered excellent music both morning and evening. Miss Hattie Gowsell gave an excellent solo in the evening in her usual graceful manner.

The drama given by the young people on Thursday evening was a decided success. There was a large number present, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The drama was a comical mixture of cross purposes, and was well rendered, receiving hearty applause. The proceeds amounted to over \$30, which is for the trust fund of the Methodist Church.

Miss Ethel Adams of Maple View, Mr. Arthur Ward, of Marlbank, and Mr. Geo. Ward, of Fowler's Corners, are spending the Easter holidays with their parents in our village.

Miss H. McCaughan, of Brighton, is the guest of her brother, Mr. Jas. McCaughan.

Miss Hattie Gowsell, of the D. and D. Institute, spent Easter with her parents.

Mrs. R. Fletcher, and Mrs. F. Conley and little daughter, of Stirling, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wickert.

Mrs. Chas. Ashley has been again afflicted with a stroke of paralysis. This is the second stroke Mrs. Ashley has had inside of a year. She has the sympathy of the whole community.

Mr. J. H. Hoard of Anson, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Hoard. Mr. W. Ashley, of Lindsay, spent a few days visiting friends in our village.

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, at a banquet at Montreal, announced that it was probable that the Government would provide two ice-breakers to open navigation on the St. Lawrence a month earlier than is now possible.

#### Defecating an Elephant.

The tools for trimming elephants' feet are a carpenter's drawknife and a knife for the soles and a horsehoe's nail and sandpaper for the toe nails. The operator places a beer keg or a stump behind one huge hind foot, it is prods the thick ankle with his elephant hook and commands the beast to "flow up." Up comes the mighty foot, slowly and heavily, but obediently as the very paw of a kitten. The foot is rested on the box or the keg, where it remains while the expert works on it much as a horsehoe parer the hoof of a horse. Great slices of the horny sole are sliced off until it is cut nearly to proper thickness, when the rasp is used to smooth off. Similarly the toe nails are treated with the knife and the sandpaper, while the big patient stands with swinging trunk and an occasional wag of an ear, too full of satisfaction for utterance. When the turn of the forefoot comes, the great beast is made to lie down on its side and the hoofs are propped up and treated.—McClure's.

#### A Bird That is Feared.

The elster (Pica pica) is a bird that is respected and feared throughout south Germany. It belongs to the raven tribe and is about the size of a dove, with black and white feathers and long, pointed tail. It builds its nest in orchards, and its life is sacred. If it is seen three times in succession on the same house top in a place remote from its home it is believed to be a sure sign of death in that house. If it flies and gives its peculiar cry the sick person is sure to die, but if it does not scream the patient may recover. It is better for the sick person if the bird does not come near. No one could be hired to bother these birds for fear they might seek revenge, and if by chance one of them should die it is a sign of bad luck to the owner of the property where it is found. The bird is a valuable insect destroyer and in this way probably more than compensates for the fear it occasions among the farmers.

#### Animals Become Insane.

Insanity in the human subject is supposed by some to have no analogue in the lower animals. Yet many cases, according to Dr. Snellson, will lead to the permanent loss of self control. Cattle driven from the country through a crowded town will often work themselves into a frenzy. Horses have gone mad on the battlefield. At Balaklava an Arabian horse turned on its attendant, threw him down and, kneeling on him, attacked him like an infuriated dog. An instance is related of a docile horse suddenly going mad on a hot day. Everything that came in its way it seized in its teeth and shook as a terrier does a rat. A scientist of authority even goes so far as to prove by what appears to be incontestable evidence that cats, dogs and monkeys have been observed to have delusions very similar to those of insane people.—London Globe.

#### Dividing the Sexes.

While worshipping in a little chapel of ease a few miles from Ruthin, on the Wrexham road, the sexes are so strictly divided that they cannot even see one another. The building forms a right angle, in one arm of which the men sit and the women in the other. It was built and endowed by a misogynist of the Stuart period who objected to having his devotions distracted by the sight of the hated sex and, sympathizing with male posterity, stipulated expressly for this division in his deed of endowment.—London Standard.

#### The Cuban Workman.

The Cuban workman is a kind husband and a fond father of a family usually of patriarchal size. He lives simply. At the bedside he buys his tasajo (jerked beef), rice, vegetables and cheap wine, and very savory are the stew his meek little wife prepares at the one hearty meal of the day, about 5:30 p. m. The Cuban eats but twice daily. He is underfed and overstimulated. He has coffee at 7 a. m., a light breakfast at 11 a. m. and eats his chief meal at twilight.

#### Rapid Typewriting.

An official stenographer, Deming, at Albany, years ago reported court proceedings on a typewriter at the rate of 150 and 170 words a minute. He eliminated the vowels, using consonants only, with a dot to separate words. His typewriter was incased in glass to deaden the noise. The paper was run into the machine from a roll. Lawyers could read the notes.

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The angry tree, as it has been named, was discovered by travelers, who upon making camp for the night placed one end of a canvas covering over one of the sensitive branches, using it for a support. Immediately the tree began to sharply jerk its branches. The motion continued, growing more nervous, until at last the sickening odor which it gave out drove the tired campers to a more friendly location. Curiosity of course prompted an investigation. One of the angry trees was dug up and thrown to one side. Immediately upon being removed from the ground the tree opened its leaves, its twigs lost their pigtail, and for something over an hour and a half the outraged branches showed their indignation by a series of quakings, which grew weaker as time passed, finally ceasing altogether, when the foliage hung limp and withered. The next morning the tree was placed upright in the ground again, a little water was applied to the roots, and very soon it resumed its normal condition.

#### A Gelig.

"What is a gelig?" asked a correspondent who has been worried by the phrase "as happy as a gelig." The gelig phrases with Mark Tapley the honor of being proverbially happy. But a lonely adjective does not define a substantive. In Yorkshire, we are told, a gelig is a young child, happy, we may hope, in Staffordshire it is a bantam. But in Dutch the "kriek" is a cricket, or grasshopper, a really merry fowl. In Webster a gelig is the provincial English for an eel. But we cannot accept an eel as the embodiment of mirth, and we put our money on the Dutchman's "kriek."—London Chronicle.

#### Using an Income.

No one can use an income with true economy who does not exert his best judgment and put forth all the wisdom he possesses to make it fulfill the highest ends of which it is capable in his peculiar circumstances. If it does not make some lives better, fuller and happier; if it does not develop the body and educate the mind; if it does not promote industry, honesty and good will; if, in fact, it does nothing to elevate and improve mankind, then waste and not economy is shown in its management.

#### She Had Pierced His.

Miss Skremer—Papa says if I give up my singing lessons he'll give me a pair of diamond earrings. Miss Sharpe—You've never worn earrings, have you? Miss Skremer—No; I'll have to have my ears pierced. Miss Sharpe—Oh, I see his idea! He wants to pay you back in your own coin.

#### The Real Taxpayers.

Johnny—Pa, the taxpayers are only 'he people who own properties, aren't they? Pa—No, my son. The real taxpayers are the people who rent the properties.

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Gowrie way, 6:57 a.m. Accom. 10:35 a.m.  
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Mail & Ex. 6:48 p.m. Accom. 8:48 p.m.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1904.

### LOCAL MATTERS.

Everyone come and get your tea in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church, Friday evening, April 16th.

Get the habit of buying your Hat at Fred. Ward's.

We learn that a meeting called by the President of Rawdon Temperance Association will be held in the Town Hall, Harold, on Monday next, at two o'clock, p.m. All temperance people are requested to attend.

Miss Hume, whose serious injury by falling down cellar we noted some time ago, has so far recovered that she is able to drive and walk out again. She is spending some weeks with her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Bissonnette.

Ask for a Tookie Shirt at Fred. Ward's.

The Presbyterian Church Choir intend giving a sacred Cantata, entitled "Jessie's Prayer," by H. C. Freeman, on the evening of Friday, April 16th. Tea will also be served. Admission 25c.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Stirling, will give an entertainment on Tuesday evening, May 24th. The entertainment will be known as "An evening with John Chinaman." Watch for further particulars in a later issue.

Ladies' and Men's Raincoats, Waterproofs and Umbrellas at Ward's.

The annual convention of the North Hastings Teachers' Association will be held at Marmora on May 5th and 6th. On the evening of the first day Mr. Frank Yeigh will give an illustrated lecture on "Canada of the Twentieth Century, or the Britain of the Western World."

It will be seen by minutes of Rawdon Council elsewhere that the Council has dismissed Mr. P. A. Lott from being constable. Mr. Lott says that notwithstanding this he will still look after any persons who will endeavor to sell liquor in contravention of the local option law.

Have you got that Hat yet from Ward's?

We are informed that as a result of the recent liquor prosecutions of parties in Rawdon there is not a drop of liquor to be had at any place in Spring Brook or elsewhere in the township. The closing up of all these places where liquor has been illegally sold is a great gain to the temperance cause in the township.

Don't forget the Sacred Cantata on Friday evening, April 16th, by the Presbyterian Church choir.

The Easter service in the Methodist Church last Sunday morning was attended by a large congregation, and an excellent sermon was given by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Bell. The music given by the young people was well rendered, and received well-merited praise. The altar was prettily decorated with flowers.

At the Easter Vestry Meeting held in St. John's Church, Stirling, on Monday evening last, April 4th, it was moved by Jas. Boldrick, seconded by Henry Kerr, the members of this vestry meeting now assembled on Easter Monday, 1904, wish to place on record sincere sorrow for their loss by death of Mr. Jas. Wilson Bygott, a member of this Church and vestry for over 40 years. His associations with both clergy and people were always useful, genial and kind, and will leave behind him pleasant memories to those who were fortunate enough to have known him as a sincere friend and consistent member of St. John's Church, Stirling; and that a copy of this resolution be given to Mrs. Bygott. Carried.

Mr. Pearce, the representative for North Hastings in the Ontario Legislature, recently called attention to the killing of deer by residents of the northern townships, and took the position that if the \$600 salary now paid to Mr. Smith and other Game Wardens, each, was divided among the clerks of the several municipalities wherein game abounds, and they to be ex-officio Deputy Game Wardens, and report direct to the Department, it would have a greater tendency to have the law enforced than the present manner of having a Game Warden residing in Belleville.

Mr. Pearce's suggestion would no doubt remedy a standing grievance in North Hastings, as well as throughout the province. Mr. Pearce has also put on the order paper the following enquiry: Order of the House for a return enquiring the names of all persons convicted for violation of the Liquor License Act in North Hastings in 1902 and 1903, together with the amounts of fines and costs in each case, and the dates when same were paid.

**Married.**

HEATH-HAGGARBY.—In Campbellford, at the Methodist parsonage, by the Rev. R. Grant, on March 22nd, Mr. Walter Heath, of Spring Brook, and Miss Elizabeth Haggarty, of Spring Brook.

CLARKE-HOARD.—In Stirling, on April 6th, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Eliza Hoard, by the Rev. J. C. Bell and Rev. W. H. Clarke, Miss Lillian May Hoard and Mr. Mason Clarke, of Sidney.

### St. John's Church.

The annual vestry meeting took place on Monday, April 4th, at 8 p.m. The church-wardens, Col. J. Earl Halliwell, and Mr. C. J. Boldrick, were reappointed, as was also the treasurer and vestry clerk, Mr. G. E. Cryer. Auditors, Mr. F. H. Stinson and Mr. J. A. Warren; side-men, Messrs. Gordon, Kerr, Heard, and Leury. The members of the vestry expressed by resolution their deep regret at the loss of Mr. Jas. Bygott, for many years intimately connected with the work of the church. A resolution was also passed thanking Mr. John M. Black for the offer of a brass altar cross which he desires to present during the coming summer as a memorial of his late father, Mr. John S. Black, who, for several years after his marriage, was a pew-holder and worshipper at St. John's.

The wardens' report was as follows: To the Incumbent and members of the Vestry of St. John's Church Stirling. It is with pleasure that we greet you this year because we are able to report that the business affairs of the parish are in a satisfactory condition in every department. We are glad to be able to say that, generally speaking, the members of the congregation are adopting what we consider to be the only proper way of supporting the work of the Church, viz., by bringing their offerings to God's house, and we are encouraged in the hope that the time is not far distant when in this parish we shall be able to abolish the evil practice of going about begging for what ought to be brought voluntarily and cheerfully, as a token of our gratitude to Almighty God for all His mercies.

We feel it our duty to say that we attribute the satisfactory condition of the affairs of the parish to the earnest, untiring and faithful labors of our esteemed Pastor, which have been so abundantly blessed by a kind Providence.

The details furnished by the Treasurer will show a balance on the right side, with no outstanding liabilities. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. EARL HALLIWELL, Church C. J. BOLDRICK, Wardens

The meeting was adjourned to April 18th, to receive the auditors' report of the financial statement, and to transact other important business.

### Stirling Public School.

Report for March.

Aggregate attendance for the month, 2,628. Average, 114.26. Number on registers, 138. Number present every day, 38.

DEPT. IV.—No. on register, 33; aggregate 678; average 29.39.

DEPT. III.—No. on register 39; aggregate 678; average 29.39.

DEPT. II.—No. on register 45; aggregate 863; average 37.52.

DEPT. I.—No. on register 28; aggregate 411; average 17.87.

Visits made by ministers—(1) Rev. S. S. Burns, who on Friday, March 11, addressed Miss Lambly's class, from 8 to 4 o'clock. Visits by trustees—(2) Other visitors—Mrs. Robert Chambers, Mrs. F. H. Stinson and Miss F. Robinson.

Visits by the medical practitioners of the town, (1) viz.—Dr. Bissonnette, who on Friday, a.m., March 18th, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture to the whole school, assembled in the Principal's room. The subject treated was "The Framework of the Human Body." In order that the pupils might firmly fix in their memories the leading points and digest the lecture, the doctor suspended a skeleton in front of the class. He remarked that it was not comely nor attractive, and even appeared ill-adapted to form the framework of a living being, with high and noble purposes, capable of great attainments, yet every bone is a model of wisdom and perfection, adapted to a specific object. The whole skeleton, so irregular in outline and so unattractive to look at, is built and fashioned with a degree of wisdom which taxes the mind to comprehend. Every prominence, every depression, every line, every curve has a special purpose.

The lecturer explained that the framework is a movable structure, and, to permit of motion, is supplied with a certain number and variety of joints, by which the limbs may be moved in various directions and the whole body from place to place. The doctor also explained the utility and the wise construction of these joints. The Dr. throughout the lecture, frequently, questioned the class, to properly direct their efforts.

The subject was presented so clearly, tersely, and systematically, that the students made it their own.

Often lectures prove an ignominious failure, and become a time for inattention, listlessness and mischief, but these evils never follow, when the instructor is as full of the subject, and possessed of such power as our friend Dr. Bissonnette, who is master of the art of questioning.

Dr. Zwirk purposes this month treating of "The Circulation of the Blood." He will demonstrate it in the web of a frog's foot, highly magnified.

### Spring Brook.

From Our Own Correspondent.

The Women's Institute met last week at the home of Mrs. Welch, 17 members present. After the general business had been attended to, Mrs. Jas. McComb was dealing on the different kinds of meat and how to cook it. A discussion followed, after which a chapter dealing on the care of stoves, lamps, and the useful utensils for kitchen work, was read alternately. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. John Hawley's. Subject:—The disposal of garbage and waste; care of the back yard; and cellars, their uses and abuses. Committee for subject—Mrs. Samuel Forestell, Mrs. F. Welch, Mrs. Chas. McTee.

The Public School entertainment came off on April 1st as advertised. The entertainment was all that could be desired. A good program under the management of the teachers, a good chairman in the person of Mr. T. C. McConnell, a well-filled hall and a good financial return showed there was no April fool about it. After all expenses were

paid there was \$23.00 to be placed in the bank.

Miss Molly Bateman left this week to take a course of study at Albion College. Miss Boyle, dressmaker, has moved into Mrs. John Heagle's house for the summer.

Mrs. Atwell (nee H. Pashley) has sold her residence here to Mrs. John Heagle, who expects to move into it next fall.

Wesley Heagle has moved onto the farm of the late John Heagle.

### Obituary.

**ANSON CUMMINGS.**

The late Anson Cummings was born on the farm on which he had lived in 1832. His father, Jedediah Cummings, came from Scotland in the early part of last century, or the closing years of the previous one, and first settled where the village of Stirling now is, taking up 300 acres of land. He afterwards removed to the place where the late Anson Cummings lived, taking up 400 acres of government land there; and on this place the subject of this brief notice was born. This whole section of country was then an almost unbroken wilderness.

In March, 1853, Anson Cummings was married to Miss Matilda Heagle, and together they spent over fifty years of life's journey, she preceding him to the better land by only a few months, having departed this life in June last. To them were born four sons and five daughters, all of whom are still living except one son, who died when about four years of age. The sons are, Alfred, now a successful farmer near Nepeawa, Man., James W., now residing in Stirling, and Wilbert, who resides on the old homestead at Stirling.

The daughters are Mrs. Manford Tucker, Hawdon; Mrs. B. R. Wright, Stirling; Mrs. Geo. I. Rossbush, Rawdon; and Mrs. Melzer Wickett, Foxboro.

The late Anson Cummings had one brother, Wilson Cummings, who formerly lived on a portion of the original 400 acres taken up by his father, but who retired from farming some years ago, and is now a resident of Belleville.

The deceased was one of the most respected residents of this section, and in his younger days was noted for his strength and endurance. He was for many years a member of the Methodist Church at Hubble Hill, or Mount Pleasant, as it is now called, and was among the foremost in helping the building of that Church.

The funeral took place on Friday last, and was attended by a large number, but many were prevented from showing a last mark of respect to the deceased by the heavy rain which prevailed during the day up to the time of the service, and the extremely bad condition of the roads. Service was held in the Methodist Church, Stirling, and a most excellent discourse was given by the pastor of Rawdon circuit, Rev. R. Duke. The funeral was conducted under the auspices of Stirling Lodge No. 239, I. O. O. F., of which deceased had long been a member.

The family herewith wish to thank the members of the Oddfellows for their kind attentions, and also all the neighbors and friends for their kindness and help during the last illness of their father.

### PERSONALS.

Mr. A. R. Girdwood, B.A., of Forest, was home for Easter.

Mr. Gerald Clute, of Belleville, is spending this week at home.

Miss Brooks, of Peterboro, is the guest of Miss Gertrude Moon.

Mrs. Theo. Bell, of Belleville, is visiting her brother, Mr. J. W. Brown.

Miss Elma Watts spent Easter holidays with relatives at Campbellford.

Mr. Harry Kennedy, of Toronto, spent Easter with his mother in town.

Miss Florence Robinson was in Ottawa with her sister during the holidays.

Miss Kathleen Duke was the guest of friends in Belleville during the holidays.

Mrs. O. P. Butler, of Marmora, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wheeler.

Mr. R. Dobson, B.A., of Picton, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. G. G. Thrasher.

Mr. Wm. Ryan, of Uxbridge, spent Easter Sunday in town renewing acquaintances.

Mrs. Joseph Frappay, of Campbellford, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Currie.

Mrs. Denyes and two sons, and Mrs. Young, of Trenton, spent Easter with Mrs. G. L. Scott.

Mr. W. R. Howson, of the Sovereign Bank, was at his home near Norwood for the holidays.

Miss Minnie Wilson, of Canifont, was the guest of Miss Gertrude Utman, during the Easter holidays.

Mr. Herbert Wilson, of Canifont, was a guest at the home of Mr. Geo. E. Kennedy during the holidays.

Mr. W. A. Parker, of the Sovereign Bank of Canada, Montreal, spent Easter with relatives in town.

Mrs. Osterhout and daughter, of Campbellford, were the guests of Mrs. Geo. Leury during the week.

Miss Lillian Howson, of Campbellford, is spending the Easter holidays with the Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Bell.

Mrs. Geo. E. Kennedy, B.A. and Mr. Jos. Frappay are attending the Ontario Teachers' Association in Toronto.

Mr. Geo. A. Kingston, B.A., Campbellford, is visiting his relatives in this vicinity during the Easter holidays.

Mrs. Brydon has recovered from pneumonia, but is still confined to bed owing to weakness and debility of old age.

Mrs. Alf. Chard and daughter, of Keene, have returned home after spending the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Heard.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stevens, of Peterboro, spent Easter with Mr. Wm. F. Ashley. Miss Annie M. Ashley returned with them to Peterboro for the holidays.

Mr. W. P. Chard, of Lindsay, spent Easter in town. He is general agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Co. for that town and surrounding country and reports business good. His family expect to remove there shortly.

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Easter wants in Gents' Furnishings. For your Easter Shirt, Collar, Cuffs and Tie, Hat or Cap, Braces, Socks, Gloves, Ready-to-Wear Clothing and Odd Pants of all kinds, we are now in a position to be at your service, and ask for a patronage from all.

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A lacrosse club has been organized in Tweed for the coming season. A baseball club has been organized in Marmora.

A meeting of the Central Ontario Fair Association will be held at Frankford this afternoon and evening. The dates of the Fall Fairs will be arranged at this meeting.

The Napanee Beaver, in reply to an inquiry, says that there is a tide in the Napanee River which ebbs and flows every hour. The rise is from a foot to two feet, according to the season of the year and the depth of water in the river. We have never heard a satisfactory reason given for this singular phenomenon.

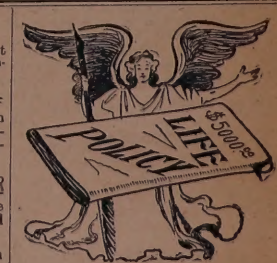
The county bridge over the Moira river, on the main travelled road to Tweed, and just above Thrasher's Corners, was carried away by the flood on Tuesday morning last. The bridge was built about eight years ago, and with piers and abutments cost \$20,000. The superstructure cost \$12,000, and with the exception of the flooring was all of iron and steel.

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# JAPANESE NOW ON YALU

## They Find Wiju Evacuated by the Russians.

### ON THE YALU.

Telegrams received in London from Kobe and Shanghai state the Japanese are now on the Yalu River, their scouts having entered Wiju this morning. They did not find a single Russian there, and it is believed that they have all retreated across the river. There is no official confirmation of this report, but it is accepted as true. It is assumed that the Russians have evacuated Korea. On the other hand, reports from St. Petersburg state that 500 Cossacks, commanded by Gen. Artamonoff, have occupied Unsan, forestalling the Japanese who were marching there from Chong-Ju.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Kobe says that twenty Russians and a quantity of spoils were captured in an action at Chensu, fifteen miles north-east of Wiju. The despatch adds that there had been no previous information that the Japanese were so far north as early as March 29.

### FACE TO FACE.

According to Japanese reports, the Russians have cavalry posts from Takushan to the Yalu. Between Antung and Kinkie they have constructed batteries on the heights, but only a few guns have been mounted in them. In the same district parapets and palisades have been erected.

As to the Russian force at Antung, which is directly across the Yalu from Wiju, there is no definite information, but it is estimated to be about 30,000.

Antung is evidently the base of Russian operations in the Yalu district. They will dispute the passage of the river vigorously, meanwhile, keeping in constant touch with the Japanese advance and offering a possible resistance to it. The chief base of the Russian army is Liao-Yang, which is 170 miles from Antung. According to the latest reports, Liao-Yang is now comparatively quiet. It is held by 8,000 men, the main force having moved toward the Yalu.

All indications point to a decisive battle soon in the neighborhood of Antung, barring some powerful flank movement on the part of the Japanese forces.

The Russians are also busy fortifying in the neighborhood of Antung. Fang-Weng-Tieng, which is about thirty miles north-west of Antung, is held by about 5,000 Russian troops.

### THE JAPANESE FRONT.

Reliable communications direct from Northern Korea state that the Japanese front, 45,000 strong, is massed along a line at Kusan, near the coast, through Pak-Cheng, and extending to the vicinity of Yong-Ping, with Anju as a base. The troops will probably advance along three fair roads, two of which converge near the Yalu River. Land transportation is very difficult. Enormous quantities of foodstuffs and munitions are being slowly advanced to convenient places between Seoul and Ping-Yang by thousands of coolies, bullocks and ponies. Engineers have bridged the Pak-Cheng and Chang-Chun Rivers. It is expected that these bridges will last until the spring floods. The progress of the artillery is discouragingly slow. Six ponies are used to haul each gun, yet they frequently become mired in roads which European soldiers would not consider difficult. The cavalry and artillery horses are thin and undersized. They are inadequate for their work and probably will not last for five months in an active campaign.

The engineers have been partially successful in raising the sunken Russian cruiser Vargi.

### JAPANESE FLEET INTACT.

The Seoul correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph in a despatch dated April 1, says that the Japanese fleet is still intact, and is watching Port Arthur. Only a narrow passage into the harbor there is now left.

### FOR SEVENTY-FIVE MILES.

A despatch to the London Daily Mail from Ping-Yang says that the Russians hold the Yalu River for 75 miles from its mouth.

### DAILY ARRIVALS 2,000.

A despatch to the London Morning Post from Yin-Kow says that trustworthy information comes from the interior to the effect that while the correspondent's informant was at Harbin troops were detaining there at the rate of over 2,000 daily, with horses. In the last three weeks 28 batteries have reached Harbin. From these sixty guns have arrived at Yin-Kow, making a total of nearly 100 guns there.

### CHINESE DREAD RUSSIA.

The London Standard prints a Tokio despatch stating that there is growing irritation at China's inability to enforce her neutrality. The Chinese Government is apparently unable to shake off its dread of Russia, as is shown by its lack of power to compel the Russian gunboat Mandjur to leave Shanghai or to drive the Russians from the right side of the Liao River.

### TO FLY OVER WARSHIPS.

A despatch from Harbin says that Lieut. Schroder is bound for Port Arthur with an apparatus consisting of a car suspended from several kites,

which will enable him to fly above warships, to the mast of which he will be attached by a light cable containing a telegraph wire. By means of this apparatus he will be enabled to take observations at a great distance and to convey the resultant information to the ship.

### FAST TORPEDO BOATS.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that in accordance with a desire of Vice-Admiral Makaroff, the Novsky yards are sending to Port Arthur by rail eight torpedo boats of the cyclone type, capable of making 30 knots an hour. The same correspondent says Minister von Plehve went out yesterday for the first time after a two weeks' illness.

### RUSSIANS ON THE YALU.

A London despatch says:—A force of 30,000 Russian troops, including Cossacks and infantrymen, are entrenched about the gate on the south side of Wiju, while the town is filled with the Czar's soldiers ready and eager for battle. Strong Russian outposts also are entrenched at other points along the Yalu, determined to drive back the Japanese should the latter give them issue and attempt to cross the river.

The Japanese army is advancing northward from Ping-Yang and Chong-Ju, and probably within a few miles of the Russian lines. That the Japanese armies have been placed in the positions outlined by the Military Council at Tokio is evidenced by the fact that the Government has allowed the newspaper correspondents to leave the capital for the front. The work of the transports in landing troops and munitions has been completed, and the next important piece of news from the Far East undoubtedly will come from Northern Korea almost any day.

### ADVANCE ON PORT ARTHUR.

The Shanghai correspondent of the London Standard says that persons who have arrived from Manchuria report that the Russian forces are still inadequate to defend the fortress of Port Arthur, upon which the Japanese are slowly advancing in three columns. The Russians are said to be badly fed and to be totally lacking in the fighting spirit. The Japanese cavalry is admitted to be inferior to the Russian, but their infantry and artillery are greatly superior. The Japanese officials are in daily expectation of a serious engagement in Southern Manchuria, but no decisive attempt to capture Port Arthur will be made until the railway is effectively disabled.

### BEFORE THE FLOOD.

News received in London from Russian and Japanese sources shows that the Japanese movements in Korea are energetic and rapid. Surprised to find that the Russians failed to defend Syonshon, which appears on most maps as Sonchon. It is believed that the Japanese are anxious to secure Wiju before the flooding of the Yalu River, which generally covers a vast extent of territory.

### JAPS MARCHING ON.

A despatch to the London Daily Mail from Seoul says that after their victory at Chong-Ju the Japanese advanced towards Konk-San, 13 miles from Chong-Ju, driving the Russians before them. The latter still occupy positions north of the Pakchon River. Apparently some force of Japanese has reached that river. Some Japanese returning to the south state that 53 Japanese infantry who were trying to advance north of the river were ambushed by Cossacks and destroyed. The correspondent says he doubts this report and adds:—"Such reports as can be obtained here indicate that the main Japanese army is steadily following its advance guard northward from Ping-Yang, taking immense stores with it."

### AT NEWCHWANG.

A despatch to the London Chronicle from New-Chwang says that there are now 30,000 Russian troops within fifteen miles of New-Chwang. Gen. Kouratoff was expected to arrive there Friday night.

The London Daily Telegraph prints a despatch from New-Chwang stating that martial law had been declared in the British and American Consuls asked the Russian Administrator if he claimed the right to arrest British subjects and Americans? He replied that he did. A Russian official is still effective, except as law. Martial law was established to enable the Russians to better protect foreigners. The correspondent says that the Russians thus far have been extremely moderate. The declaration of martial law was absolutely justified. The town is splendidly policed.

### JAPS SINK A JUNK.

A despatch to the London Daily Telegraph from Wei-Lai-Wai says that a small steamer named the Sanes Maru, towing a junk laden with provisions from Chong-Ju to Port Arthur, has been torpedoed by a Japanese torpedo boat. Twenty-five persons were killed. The fate of the junk is not stated.

### HAD STORES FOR JAPAN.

As a result of an enquiry into the Russian capture near Elliot Island of a vessel manned by Chinese, flying the Japanese flag, and laden with military stores and provisions, it has been ascertained that the cargo was destined for Japanese troops who recently landed on Hailu Island, which was ceded to Russia concurrently with Port Arthur, and which is used as a Russian coal depot.

### JAPAN WANTS SHIPS.

A number of Japanese naval officers, conducted by Capt. Tekikawa, the Japanese naval attaché at Berlin, are visiting German shipyards and trying to buy vessels. They visited the Vulkan works at Stettin, where it is reported that they tried to place orders for warships or steamers, but the owners of the works refused the offer.

### MARQUIS ITO RETURNS.

The Marquis Ito returned to Tokio on Friday from his special mission to the Emperor of Korea. He was received at the railroad station by the Ministers and was greeted by an audience by the Emperor of Japan. While it is denied that political significance is attached to the mission, it doubtless cements the cordiality between the Korean and Japanese courts and will inspire the Korean Emperor with confidence in the intentions of Japan.

### SEIZE AN ARSENAL.

Gen. Tseng-Chi, commanding the Chinese troops in the Yalu, sends the information that the Russians have seized the arsenal at Kirin, between Harbin and Mukden. They are using the arsenal to manufacture ammunition, which they are turning over to the Japanese. Gen. Tseng-Chi states also that the Russians intend to raise a body of 50,000 Mongol or Chinese troops to relieve the Russian guards engaged in patrolling the Manchurian Railway.

### RUSSIANS IN COREA.

A despatch to the London Times from New-Chwang says that a messenger from the Yalu reports that there had been no fighting since March 27. The Russians have four guns at Yanpohsan, where there are many troops. There are more guns and troops at Anchau, twelve miles from Antung. Other forces are at Takushan and Tatungkuang. The commissariat has been organized at Feng-Wong-Cheng.

### 30 MILES FROM THE YALU.

Information has been received at Tokio from a private source that the Japanese troops, after dislodging the Russians at Chong-Ju on March 28, rested for one day and then advanced to Yong-Chun (about 45 miles west of Chong-Ju). After a brief engagement they drove the enemy further north. The Russians retreating toward Unsan, a town 80 miles north-east of Yong-Chun.

### CASUALTIES WERE FEW.

The Japanese Legation at London has received the following official report from Tokio of the fighting between Japanese and Russian forces at Chong-Ju, Korea, Monday:—"On March 28 a portion of our cavalry and infantry forces occupied Chong-Ju after defeating the enemy. The enemy, who numbered about 600 men, retreated in the direction of Wiju. Our casualties were Lieut. Kano and four others killed; Captain Kurokawa and twelve others wounded.

There were no casualties among our infantry. "No dead bodies were left by the enemy on the field, but it is reported that some seven or eight were killed inside the town. These were probably carried off by the enemy on horseback or by ambulance. The Russians were seen conveying in an ambulance two dead men, apparently officers, and blood-stained bandages were found scattered around. The enemy must have sustained losses at least equal to our own."

### FORCES ENGAGED.

The Echo de Paris has a despatch from St. Petersburg which says that the Japanese numbered 2,000 and the Cossacks 900 in the Chong-Ju engagement. The two forces were only 600 yards apart in the fight.

### WHALE EXPLODED MINE.

One of the mines in Possiet Bay has been exploded by a whale. The mutilated carcass subsequently was washed ashore. It bore evidence of the destructive qualities of the mine laid by the Russians in expectation of a Japanese landing at Possiet Bay.

### MET DEATH LIKE HEROES.

Admiral Togo, in his official despatch relating to the attempt of his fleet to "bottle up" the Russian vessels in Port Arthur harbor of Sunday last, says:—"Commander Hiroo and Boatwain Sugino, who were killed, displayed remarkable courage. Boatwain Sugino was just going down to fight the magazine on the Fukuki Maru when the ship was struck by an enemy's torpedo, which killed him."

"Commander Hiroo, after causing his men to take to the boats, and not finding Sugino, searched through the smoke for him. Finding his ship gradually going down, he was compelled to give up the search and enter a boat. As he was rowing away under the enemy's hot fire a shell struck him on the head. His head and part of his body were blown away. Of the brave officer's body, only a piece of flesh remained in the boat. Commander Hiroo was always a devoted officer, and he leaves a meritorious example the memory of which will be everlasting."

The Emperor has conferred the Order of Kite and the Order of the Rising Sun on Commander Hiroo, who was killed during the Japanese attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. The Emperor has been inaugurated to erect a monument to the memory of Commander Hiroo.

### RIDEAU HALL SCORCHED.

Governor-General and Household Tried to Check the Flames.

An Ottawa despatch says: "Earlier Sunday of this year's disaster will long be remembered by the present occupants of Government House. It was just about 5 o'clock that one of the servant maids was aroused from sleep by a sensation of suffocation from smoke, and she at once gave the alarm. The alarm given by the girl led to the discovery of the fire in the new wing constructed four years ago on the east side of Rideau Hall. It was built at a cost of about \$20,000 to give much-needed additional sleeping accommodation. The first room on the right hand of this wing, adjoining the mail hall, was occupied by Mr. Guise, controller of the household. Mr. Guise had to be awakened from his sleep, although the fire was eating its way up the partition between his room and the spiral staircase.

HOUSEHOLD FOUGHT FLAMES. Realizing that the conflagration was beyond the capacity of the staff to handle, an alarm was sent in for the city fire department from the box attached to the building. This was exactly at 5.30 a. m.

By the time the chief arrived the fire had got a firm hold of the new wing, and was gradually working its way along the roof of the main portion of the building among the old timbers which had been in position for over 50 years, and which were as dry as tinder. There is only a five-inch water main supplying Rideau Hall, and the pressure was weakened by the fact that at this point the main has a dead end. The chief was not going to take any chances, and he therefore immediately telephoned for a fire engine. It is due to Chief Provost's good judgment in this respect that Rideau Hall is to-day not one mass of ruins.

As soon as the department reached the scene the servants were detailed to remove the pictures, books and bric-a-brac to the front portion of the house, the chief assuring his Excellency that he could restrict the fire to the east wing, and the rooms immediately adjacent thereto. The progress of the flames in the roof in the main portion of the building was stopped before they had advanced more than one-third down the long corridor in the main building.

Four bedrooms on the first floor, Lady Minto's sitting-room, his Excellency's office, and Major Maude's office on the ground floor were the only ones affected. No fire entered these rooms, but they were drenched with water.

### MAY ERECT NEW BUILDING.

During the past 35 years about one million dollars has been expended upon the building. First the racquet court was built, then a fine ballroom was added, afterwards a chapel in Lady Aberdeen's time, and lastly the new wing, which was destroyed to-day. Lady Aberdeen was very anxious to see a new Government House erected, commensurate with the dignity of Canada, and some Ministers think the time is opportune now to do this.

### LORD CURZON'S WARNING.

Encroachments Toward India Will Be Checked.

A Calcutta despatch says: In the course of the budget discussion on Wednesday the Viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, declared it was his express intention to return to India.

The Viceroy spoke for an hour and a half. Referring to their responsibilities in Asia, he said India resembled a fortress, beyond whose walls there existed on one side a glacier of varying breadth and dimensions, which they did not desire to occupy, but which they could not afford to see occupied by a foe. They were quite content that it should remain in the hands of allies and friends, but if unfriendly influences should creep up and lodge under its walls, they would be compelled to intervene, because the danger of such unfriendly influences would grow up as a menace to their security. This, he said, was the secret of the whole position in Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, and Siam.

Alluding to the contemptuous attitude of the Thibetan Government in the face of the extreme patience of the Indian Government, his Excellency said:—"I have no desire to push on anywhere. The history of the last five years has been one of consolidation and restraint, but I would suffer any imputation rather than allow the peaceful sentiment of the country to be compromised by encroachments from outside, which could only have one meaning."

### BRITAIN'S REVENUE.

A Decrease of Nearly Ten Million Dollars.

A London despatch says: The revenues for the year ending March 31 show a net decrease of \$9,986,405, as compared with last year. The total revenue for the year was \$785,662,405. This includes \$48,384,690 paid to local taxation accounts, leaving a total paid to the exchequer of \$737,277,825. The estimate of the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Ritchie, for the year was \$721,360,000, but the local taxation was not included. The deficit by Chancellor Ritchie's estimate, therefore, is \$12,622,405.

### AN INHUMAN OFFICER.

Sentenced for Brutalities to 87 Soldiers. A Berlin despatch says: A non-commissioned officer named Mitschke, belonging to a military regiment at Nelsa, has been sentenced to imprisonment for three months. Eighty-seven cases of ill-treatment of soldiers and other brutalities committed by Mitschke were disclosed.

### THE WORLD'S MARKETS.

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, April 5.—Wheat—The market is dull, and demand limited for Ontario grades. No. 2 white and red winter quoted at 98c local freights. Spring wheat is nominal at 85c east, and 82c to 83c east. Manitoba wheat steady, with No. 1 Northern selling at \$1.02 at Georgian Bay ports; No. 2 Northern at 98c, and No. 3 Northern at 94c. No. 1 hard is nominal at \$1.04. Grinding in transit prices are 6c above those quoted.

Oats—The market is steady, with fair offerings and little demand. No. 2 white quoted at 80c to 80c 1/2c north and west, and 81c local freights. No. 1 white quoted at 82c east, and No. 2 at 81c east.

Barley—The demand is quiet, with a moderate demand. No. 2 quoted at 44c middle freights. No. 3 extra at 43c and No. 3 at 41c middle freights.

Peas—The market is unchanged, with No. 2 quoted at 65c west and 66c east.

Corn—The market is quiet, with prices firmer. No. 3 American yellow quoted at 53c on track, Toronto; No. 3 mixed at 52c. Canadian corn is nominal at 38c west for yellow, and 38c for red.

Rye—The market is unchanged, with No. 2 quoted at 60c east and west. Buckwheat—The market is unchanged, with demand good. No. 2 quoted at 51 to 52c middle freights.

Flour—Ninety per cent. patents are unchanged, buyers at \$3.60 middle freights in buyers' sacks for export. Straight rollers of special brands for domestic trade quoted at \$4.30 to \$4.50 in bbls. Manitoba flours unchanged. No. 1 patents, \$5.30; No. 2 patents, \$5; and strong bakers', \$4.90 on track, Toronto.

Millfeed—Bran is steady at \$17 to \$17.50, and shorts at \$18.50 here. At outside points bran is quoted at \$16.50, and shorts at \$17.50. Manitoba bran in sacks, \$20, and shorts at \$21 here.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—There is a quiet trade, with prices steady at \$2 to \$2.25 per bbl. for the best stock.

Dried apples—The demand is limited, and prices are easy at 3 to 3 1/2c per lb. Evaporated apples, 5 1/2 to 6c per lb.

Beans—Trade is quiet, and prices steady. Prime beans are quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.60, and hand-picked at \$1.60 to \$1.70.

Hops—The market is unchanged at 26 to 32c, according to quality.

Honey—The market is firm at 6 1/2 to 7c per lb. for bulk, and at \$1.25 to \$2 for comb.

Hay—The market is quiet, with offerings moderate. No. 1 timothy quoted at \$9.50 a ton here.

Straw—The market is dull, without offerings, and prices nominal around \$5.50 on track here.

Potatoes—The market is unchanged with offerings fair. Choice cars are quoted at 70c per bag on track here, and inferior quality at 70c per bag.

Poultry—The market is steady with limited offerings. Chickens, 11 to 18c per lb.; turkeys are quoted at 15 to 16c per lb. for fresh killed; ducks, 13c; and geese, at 10 to 12c per lb.

### THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—The market continues steady with the demand good for choice qualities. We quote:—Finest 1-lb. rolls, 17 to 18c; choice large rolls and selected dairy tubs, 15 to 16c; medium and low grades, 12 1/2 to 14c; creamery prints, 21 to 23c; solids, 18c to 19c.

Eggs—Receipts are moderate, and the demand, slow. Sales of case lots to-day at 22c per dozen.

Cheese—Market quiet at steady prices. We quote:—Finest September's, 11c; late Fall and second, 9 1/2 to 10c.

### HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are unchanged, with offerings moderate. Car lots at \$6.25, delivered here. Cured meats are in good demand at unchanged prices.

We quote:—Bacon, long clear, \$4 to \$4 1/2c per lb. in case lots. Moss pork, \$6.50 to \$7; do, short cut, \$18.50 to \$20.

Smoked meats—Hams, light to medium, 12 1/2c; do, heavy, 12c; rolls, 10c; shoulders, 9c; backs, 13 1/2 to 14c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13 1/2c.

### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 5.—Flour—Firm. Wheat—Spring, No. 1 Northern Duluth, offered at \$1.01 1/2. Corn—Nothing done firm. Oats—Firm. No. 2 white, 47c; No. 2 mixed, 43c. Barley—Spot quoted 58 to 63c. Rye—No. 1, 81c.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 5.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1 to \$1.01; No. 2 Northern, 98 to 99c; do, July, 99c. Barley—No. 2, 72 to 73c. Rye—No. 2, 62 to 63c; sample, 38 1/2c. Corn—No. 3, 50 to 51c; No. 1, 52c bid.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 5.—Wheat—May, 97c; July, 97 1/2c; Sept., 88 1/2c; on track No. 1 hard, 99c; No. 1 Northern, 98c; No. 2 Northern, 1 Northern, 98c; No. 2 Northern, 95c. Flour—First patents, \$5.15 to \$5.25; second do, \$5 to \$5.10; first clear, \$3.60 to \$3.75; second do, \$2.45 to \$2.75; bran, in bulk, \$14.50.

### BRITISH SQUARE BROKEN.

Punitive Expedition in Nigeria Suffers Reverse. A London despatch says: The punitive expedition organized against the murderers of Capt. Ordean and C. Amvatt Burney, who were with a party ambushed by the Okotois in 1903, has been defeated in the Province of Northern Nigeria. The enemy broke the British square and many were killed and wounded. No Europeans were killed.

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CANADIAN FOOD PRODUCTS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Often Sold as Being the Products of Some Other Country.

The following is the report of Mr. A. W. Grindley, Agent of the Department of Agriculture in Great Britain regarding Canadian food products in Great Britain:—

Canadian food products are often sold in Great Britain to the consumer as being the product of Great Britain or the product of some other country—the product of which may command a higher price on the market. The only thing that can be done is for the Canadian shippers to brand "Canada" or "Canadian" on everything and advertise freely in the British trade journals. A few Canadian firms have followed this plan and to-day their brands are in demand and are known as "Canadian Produce," but this position has only been gained by spending a lot of money in advertising. Financial returns are what the average shipper looks for and if he receives more money by having his goods sold as the product of some other country, he very naturally pockets the higher price and says nothing. It is a "very slow game" getting the British people to change their ideas or tastes to "play the game" one must have lots of time and spend money freely—this the average Canadian exporter cannot afford to do—but Canadian goods are gradually, if slowly, gaining favor. This gain is based chiefly due to the fine quality of the Canadian goods. International competition is so keen to capture the British market that there is no room to try "fake games," and I am sorry to say the only way to make some Canadian shippers honest is by the Act of Parliament which has already been done by "The Fruit Marks Act." Our dairy products are landing each season in more perfect condition—this is due to the close inspection kept in Canada over the manufacture of cheese and butter, to the improvement in the cheese factories and creameries, but also largely due to the "Government Cool Curing Rooms" for cheese, and the improved "cool" and "cold" storage for food products on the various Steamship lines running from Canada to the different British ports.

### CHOICEST DANISH.

Mr. Grindley also reports as follows concerning the packing of Canadian butter in Danish keils.

The butter packed in this style is the best quality of "Canadian Creamery" and is put up in this shape by the shippers who receive their instructions from consignees on this side—most of it comes with no mark except what is on the sacking, which covers the case—if any mark is on the case, it is an easily faded one. There is no doubt that the bulk of the butter packed in this style is sold as "Choicest Danish."

Only a few Canadian firms ship butter in "Keils" or eggs in the "Foreign" or "Irish" case.

Canada in the majority of cases does not get credit for her food products. One never sees in British retail shops "Canadian Cheese," "Canadian Butter," "Canadian Eggs," "Canadian Bacon" or "Canadian Beef." A few Canadian firms are advertising their goods and in time our goods may be called for, but as yet the average British consumer does not care where his food comes from as long as it suits his taste and the price is reasonable. As a general rule the wholesale firms buy and sell goods for what they are, the funny work is done by the retailer, and the consumers are the only ones who are deceived, and they don't care if the quality is good.

Under the "Merchandise Marks Act" of Great Britain goods can enter the country with no mark or any mark that will not lead people astray as to where the goods come from—for example, if you put Boston on goods, the party concerned would be fined, as there is a Boston in England, but Boston, Mass., or Boston, U. S. A., are names from that Province would be allowed, as "Nova Scotia" apples are classed by themselves.

Eggs come from Canada packed in the "Foreign" or "Irish" case which holds 144 eggs. These are sold as "Irish" or "Selected Danish," which ever may bring a higher price. American and Canadian bacon and ham are sent from port of landing in English smoke-houses and appear on the market as "Wiltshire," " Cumberland," "Yorkshire," "Berkshire," or any other favorite brand.

Of any other favorite brand, of course, if you could prove a case, you would be heavily fined, but all this would be done in cellars or behind the scenes.

### BREEDING STOCK IS FREE.

Important Decision Handed Down By U. S. Court.

A Washington despatch says: A judgment reversing the decision of the Board of general appraisers was handed down on Tuesday by the Circuit Court, which permits the importation of horses for breeding purposes to be imported into the United States duty free. The case arises out of an action by H. F. Pries, a breeder of British Columbia, who brought to Puget Sound district, Forcherson, horses valued at \$4,800. The stock was sold at an average price of \$304 per animal, and although the customs regulations prohibit the free entry into the United States of any animal specially imported for breeding purposes, Pries was charged 25 per cent. ad valorem on the sale price of the stock. The action of the collector was upheld by the Board of general appraisers, against which an appeal was made.



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## MONKEY MOTHERS.

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Than Any Other Animal.

A wild beast tamer of long experience tells some interesting things of the affection of animals for their young. He had an elephant once, he says, who did all in her power to spoil her young one. She fussed over it and cuddled it up so that when the time came for it to leave the cage it was simply unmanageable. When one of the men made a bold move toward the baby he was promptly butted in the stomach and bowled over in a peculiar way which the youngster had of expressing his feelings toward those whom he disliked. At last by a ruse the mother and son were separated. But there was no such thing as keeping them apart. The baby rubbed the skin of its forehead and trunk trying to get through the bars, and both wailed so long and piteously that the keeper was obliged to put them together again.

A shy baby camel that passed through the hands of this same tamer refused to look upon the world except from its favorite station between its mother's legs. The mother, too, would show her displeasure at any effort toward intimacy by spitting violently at every one in sight.

The kangaroo also is very fond of her offspring and will patiently carry it about long after it is ready to hop on its own account.

But for a display of pure affection the mother monkey beats any other animal, and when there is an addition to the family circle there is general rejoicing. A baby monkey sticks fast by its mother, and, asleep or awake, it seems always in her thoughts.

**The Lazy Koreans.**  
It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the Koreans are the laziest people on earth. All day long they lie about the streets smoking their gigantic pipes. A native pipe is a six foot length of bamboo, with a metal bowl, and is carried tucked into the neckband and down the trousers leg. All work of very heavy kind is done by the women, who occupy perhaps the most degraded position held by the sex of any nation. The unfortunate female population is collectively a beast of burden and denied even the most elementary recognition as human beings. A Korean girl has no name. She is merely known as "daughter of So-and-so," her father.

**Sleep For the Young and Aged.**  
A four-year-old requires 12 hours, one of 7 years, 11 hours; of 12 years, 10 hours, and of 16 or 18, 9 hours. After that 7 or 8 hours is sufficient until after 40, then the hours should be increased gradually with each decade, as the man or woman of 80 requires as much sleep as a child of 10. And it should be remembered that the most health giving beauty making time is early.

**It All Depended.**  
"Don't we go any higher?" asked the facetious guest in the hotel when the elevator stopped at the twenty-fourth floor.

"Not unless the elevator drops, sir," answered the truthful elevator boy—Judge.

**Advice.**  
"Two folks," said Uncle Eben, "is bound to get into trouble—de man dat won't take no advice at all an' de man dat tries to take all he hears."

## LICENSE DISTRICT North Hastings.

A meeting of the Board of License Commissioners of North Hastings, will be held at

SPRING BROOK,  
—ON—  
Friday, April 24, 1904,

at one o'clock, p.m., for the consideration of applications for tavern and shop licenses for the ensuing year.

The total number of Licenses during the past year, twenty-seven, viz:—five shop, twenty-one tavern and one wine and beer.

The total for the ensuing year for consideration is twenty-five, viz:—five shop, twenty tavern.

All parties govern themselves accordingly.

G. W. FAULKNER,

Inspector for North Hastings.

Stirling, April 2nd, 1904.

Harry Hogg, a sectionman on the G. T. R. at Lindsay, was struck by a shunting engine and instantly killed.

At the Ontario Teachers Convention held in Toronto this week, in the Public School section it was announced that the Minister of Education was considering the advisability of asking the Legislature to vote at least \$20,000 to be distributed among poorly paid teachers.

The Preston homestead in Belmont township, near the village of Cordova, was destroyed by fire on the afternoon of Sunday, 27th of March. The house was built of brick, and was one of the best in the township, and had been the home of the Preston family for upwards of sixty years. With it were destroyed the family records and many heirlooms dating back over 300 years, and a valuable library containing some rare and costly volumes. The loss is estimated at \$2,500.



Miss Whittaker, a prominent club woman of Savannah, Ga., tells how she was entirely cured of ovarian troubles by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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## BANK WORRIES.

How One Clerk Fretted a Whole Year All For Nothing.

An ex-bank official said that during his career in the banking business he had known more than one employee of a bank to get into trouble on account of carelessness in handling money.

One collector, who was a light hearted fellow, was going along the street in high water season slipping on a twenty dollar piece with his thumb and finger and catching it as it came down. Finally it slipped and fell through a grating on the sidewalk into about two feet of water. He made some efforts to recover it, but finally decided to wait till the water was gone, and then it was found that the coin was also gone. Another time the same fellow was coming up the street with \$10,000 in twenty dollar pieces on his shoulder. In some way he lost his hold on the sack, and in striking the sidewalk it burst, and the coins rolled in all directions. A number of people rushed to his assistance, but he described a large circle around the bank, waving his arms wildly, ordered everybody to "stand back." He recovered most of the coin, but decided to get out of the banking business.

Another time a Chinaman came into the bank and deposited \$200 and took a certificate of deposit. The clerk who made out the certificate was preoccupied and wrote \$2,000 on it and on the stub. When he made up his cash at night he was \$1,800 short. He knew where the mistake was and tried to hunt up the Chinaman, but, although he got a clew, he could never find him, and he remained \$1,800 short on the books. He had a notice of the date of the certificate, amount, etc., pasted in his desk and was always on the lookout to catch the certificate as it came in. Just a year from the day the deposit was made the Chinaman walked into the bank and presented the certificate to be cashed. When asked how much he wanted he said all—\$200. He had never noticed the mistake in the amount of the certificate, and he has never found it out, and the clerk suffered the worry of being short in his mind for a whole year all for nothing.

## WISDOM OF NOVELISTS.

The great thing to learn of life is not to be afraid of it.—Jerome K. Jerome.

Audacity stands in the place of ancestors to those who are not well born.—Lucas Cleave.

All knowledge is gain, even the knowledge of evil. Like eating olives, it prepares you for the next course.—G. B. Burgin.

If a woman wasn't handicapped by her affection or need of it, the cleverest chap in Christendom would be just a bit of putty in her hands.—George Egerton.

There are only three men of whom it may safely be predicted that they will make their mark in the world—the man who cannot write, the miller and the chimney sweep.—Frankfort Moore.

The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story and writes another, and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with that he vowed to make it.—J. M. Barrie.

## Soothing His Last Moments.

Speaking of unpleasant surprises, an Englishman told of the one Jonathan Rochell got upon his deathbed:

"Jonathan, feeling that the end was near, gave a few words of parting advice to his young wife. He had a bachelor friend named Howard, a steady fellow, and the thought came to his mind as he was concluding his farewell talk that if Kate, after he was gone, would marry Howard it would be a good thing. He told her this.

"Kate, woman," he said, "it would please me dearly if ye was to promise to take up w' Howard when I'm gone."

"Don't ye worry about that, Jonty," says Kate in a soothing way. "Me and Howard have already settled it betwixt us."

## An Anecdote of Pitt.

A certain Mrs. Beaumont of Bretton, England, who lived in the time of Pitt and whom the possession of lead mines made wealthy and purse proud, one day thought to impress Pitt, who was staying at Bretton, with her riches. She had a most splendid service of plate at dinner, and, waving her hand, she said, "There, Mr. Pitt; that's all from the mines."

"Indeed," answered Pitt, "if you had not told me, Mrs. Beaumont, I should have thought it was silver."

## Taking It in Good Part.

An absurd caricature of James Russell Lowell appeared in a Harvard paper soon after he had accepted his professorship. Some one ventured to ask him how he liked it, to which he replied that he was glad to see that the artist had kindly permitted him to wear plaid trousers, an innocent fancy of his to which Mrs. Lowell most strongly objected.

## For the Land's Sake!

Uncle George—Hear you heard the news? Tom Tyler is going to marry Tillie West. Aunt Hannah—For the land's sake! Uncle George—Yes; I guess you're right. Tillie owns some very valuable real estate.

## For a Flashing Touch.

Spend your money—Father, do you want me to go through college? Discouraged Father—You might as well. You've gone through everything else.

## Her Marriage.

"Did she make a good marriage?" "That depends on whether you figure by years or dollars. He's sixty and rich."—Exchange.

## School Reports

Honor Roll for March.

Names are arranged in order of merit.

S. S. No. 1, RAWDON.

Sr. IV.—Bertha Mosher, Ada McCurdy, Edna Eggleton, Emma Kennedy, Delbert Rodgers.

Jr. IV.—Volney Richardson, Rosa Keegan.

Sr. III.—Arthur Richardson, Sarah Wilson.

Jr. III.—Bessie Kennedy, Percy Kennedy, Reggie Rodgers.

Sr. II.—Jessie McGee, Mabel Reid, J. H. II.—Sandy McCurdy, Sofia Hoskins, Emma McGee.

Pr. II.—Annie Mosher, Lorne Laniagan, Raymond Reid and Flossie Montgomery, equal.

Pr. I.—Ethel Laniagan, Percy McGee.

M. McKenna, Teacher.

S. S. No. 6, RAWDON.

Sr. IV.—Beatrice Sine 480.

Jr. IV.—Karl Sine 407, Mary Johnston 42, only present part of month.

Sr. III.—James Nerria 819, Annie Farrell 201, Norah Bailey 78.

Jr. III.—Lottie Post 295, Kenneth Sine 238, Reginald Sine 185, Henry Farrell 156, German McGee 142, Murray McGee 84.

Pr. II.—Emma Nerria 204, May Nerria 162, Bessie Ashley 145, W. Thompson 143, Gladys Bailey 71, Eva Bailey 24.

Sr. Pr. II.—Ethel Thompson 98.

Sr. Pr. I.—Mary Bryce 40.

Sr. Pr. I.—Nellie Caverley 89, Mabel Bailey 20.

Jr. Pr. I.—Ernest Thompson 87, Leatha Nerria 70, Lilian Nerria, 26, Maude Bailey 24.

Average attendance 15.

A. R. MacKenna, Teacher.

S. S. No. 1 & 3, HUNTINGDON.

Sr. DEPARTMENT.

Sr. IV.—Martha Fargey, Nellie Hawkins, Morley Reid, Mabel Sills, Chester Sills, Margaret Kerby, Charlotte Haggerty, Matilda Post.

Jr. IV.—Robert Gay.

Jr. III.—Evelyn Hawkins, Lulu Ross, Nellie Donnan.

Jr. DEPARTMENT.

Sr. II.—Fred Bennett, Will Wright, Foster Wilson, Patrick McAvoy, Mary McAvoy, Ross Reed.

Jr. II.—Kathleen Kerby, Annie Sills, Joseph McAvoy.

Sr. Pr. II.—Tempe Hawkins, Walter Caldwell, Burton Conley.

M. E. MacKintosh, Teacher.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

During the progress of the liquor cases of the township of Rawdon, some people took exception to many things, but the one that creates the greatest surprise is the misleading communications directed to Magistrate Flint from a couple of supposed temperance people of Spring Brook, in relation to my authority for retaining some witnesses. Any statement I made is correct in every particular, and I have authority to state the communications to the Magistrate were misleading.

P. A. Lott.

There is a tale of olden time,  
Of turning water into wine;  
But nothing, nothing near so fine  
As turning lager into wine.

I think its time the thing was stopped,  
Of turning whiskey into frozen pop,  
Of dancing, pawing, till its late,  
Upon an earthen dinner plate.

Mr. W. A. Stratton, K. C., LL.B., of Peterboro, brother of the Hon. J. R. Stratton, Provincial Secretary, died on Monday of heart failure.

A new canning factory is to be built in Picton this spring. It is to be one of the largest in the province. Contracts have been made for produce.

A number of bogus twenty-five cent pieces have been found in circulation at Guelph. They are of the Victorian issue, and a good representation of the genuine.

Evangelists Crossley and Hunter are expected to be in Brighton in June to hold special meetings for some time. It is said that they have refused forty-three invitations within the last few weeks, their time being so limited.

## THE CELEBRATED EYE SPECIALIST

Prof. J. H. De Silberg, Ophthalmic Specialist from Germany, will be in Stirling, at the Stirling House parlors, three times weekly. Watch for dates. All consultations free. Those having weak or imperfect eyes should not fail to consult the professor. Next visit will be in May.

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WM. RODGERS.

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To the Editor of the News-Argus.

DEAR SIR,—

I see by the last issue of The News-Argus that P. A. Lott is using its columns to try and convince the public that all he says is "correct in every particular." He has undertaken a Herculean task. If he could only persuade Carnegie to pay for the amount of advertising necessary to produce that effect, at regular rates, it would be the easiest and quickest way I know of for the old gentleman to gratify his cherished wish of dying a poor man.

Mr. Lott says the people took exception to some things he did in connection with enforcing the Local Option By-Law. The people certainly did, and with good reason. The first thing he did after his appointment was to make threats that he would get even with somebody. It turned out afterwards that these somebody were his political opponents. What right had Mr. Lott to use the authority given him by the public to punish private parties whom he was pleased to call his enemies? This sort of thing had not the remotest connection with his duties as an officer of the law, in enforcing Local Option. The next thing he did was to hunt up a lot of offences committed before his appointment, contrary to the understanding of all parties connected with his appointment, that is, the Council and the Temperance Association. And mark, every information laid in the first instance were his political opponents. Then when he was taken to task about the matter he put the blame on Mr. John Morgan and Mr. T. J. Thompson, saying these gentlemen gave him the names and urged him to lay the charges against them. These gentlemen both deny doing so. This is a sample of his statements that are "correct in every particular."

The next thing he did in the progress of the campaign against liquor selling was to enter complaints against purchasers so late that charges could not be laid against the seller. This leads up to the subject of Mr. Lott's communication in the Argus. When asked why he took action against the purchaser and let the hotelkeeper escape, he put the blame (another shuffle of his, at which he is an adept) on the Police Magistrate.

I had my doubts about the truth of the statement, and am one of the "supposed temperance men" that wrote to Mr. Flint regarding the matter. Mr. Thos. Rupert is the other, neither of us knowing at the time that the other had written. The statement was made publicly in the post-office on March 12th, in the presence of Thos. Rupert, John Morgan, Henry Green, William Haslett, N. White and others. He also made the same statement to T. C. McConnell and his family.

Here is the statement:—Mr. John Morgan asked Mr. Lott why he laid complaints against those two boys, Welch and McConnell, for purchasing and not against Potts for selling. Mr. Lott's reply was, that Mr. Flint was to blame for it as he would hold Potts for a witness.

My letter to Mr. Flint, which Mr. Lott says was misleading, simply contained the above statement without any comment. Here is Mr. Flint's reply:—

Belleville, March 14th, 1904.

My Dear Sir,—  
I never said anything of the kind to Mr. Lott or anyone else. What does it matter to me who the information is against. I don't know either Potts or Mrs. Bird, and certainly know of no reason why they should not be prosecuted for infringement of the law.

I am yours,  
J. J. B. FLINT.

Mr. Rupert's letter and Mr. Flint's reply was to the same effect. Where was there anything misleading in our letters? As Mr. Lott says he has authority for stating, He does not say what that authority was, but whatever it was, he had no scruples in making it override the ninth commandment.

There are a great many more of Mr. Lott's statements equally "correct in every particular," but as they do not involve the record of public men and consequently of no public interest, I will not burden the columns of the News-Argus by more than this reference to them.

Philip seems very solicitous about his reputation for telling the truth. The best way to win such a reputation is to always tell the truth.

As the truth of Mr. Lott's statement made in the post-office, and repeated to other parties on other occasions, is now a matter of veracity between Mr. Flint and Mr. Lott, I will leave the issue for them to settle between themselves.

P. WELCH.

Spring Brook, April 12.



## The Sovereign Bank

OF CANADA.  
(Incorporated by Act of Parliament.)

Capital Authorized - - - - - \$2,000,000

Capital Paid Up - - - - - 1,300,000

Reserve Fund - - - - - 325,000

This Bank has unexcelled facilities for handling  
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Interest allowed from date of deposit. One dollar will open an account.

Absolute Security. Modern Methods. - Courteous Treatment.

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### Grants to Township Fairs.

As announced the meeting of the Central Ontario Fair Association was held at Frankford, on Thursday last.

At the two sessions held in the afternoon and evening, the main subject for discussion was the method of distributing the Government grant. It has been the custom of the Government to give a certain fixed amount to the county fairs, and a much less amount to the township fairs. This has proven to be a decidedly unequal basis of distribution, for the reason that in many cases the township fairs are much more prosperous and give better prizes than the county associations. In view of these facts, which were fully brought out in the discussion, the Association recommended that in future, Government grants should be apportioned to the amount actually paid out by each fair in prizes for agricultural exhibits.

The recommendation will be conveyed to the Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. H. B. Cowan, Director of Ontario Fall Fairs, attended the meeting of the Central Ontario Fair Association. This Association which has to do with all the fairs in this vicinity, some thirteen in number, is the first sub-organization of the general association, and Mr. Cowan was so much struck with the value of a district organization, that he will probably recommend the further development of the idea.

### Big Flood at Tweed.

Tweed, April 10.—The Moira River at this place is still rising, doing a great amount of damage. The Bay of Quinte railway bridge, a mile north, has been carried away. The electric light company's foot bridge over their dam has gone, and the water is overflowing the power house. The Deseronto Milling Co.'s dam has been badly damaged, taking away the slide and stop-logs. The water is in the engine room, and the mill cannot work. The electric light company's new brick building has the side torn out by the ice. The Ontario Powder Works bridge is in danger and may go to-night. The water is still rising very fast and may do greater damage.

### Burdette's Poem.

The pastor of a struggling church was lying in his bed; three months' arrears of salary was pillowing his head; his couch was strewn with tradesmen's bills that pricked his heart like thorns, and nearly all life's common ills were goading him like horns.

The deacon sat beside him, as the moments ticked away, and bent his head to catch the words the parson had to say:—

"If I never shall arise from this hard bed on which I lie, if my warfare is accomplished and it's time for me to die, take a message to the janitor before I pass away—tell him fires are for December and the windows are for May. Tell him when he lays the notices upon the pulpit's height to shove them 'neath the cushion, far out of reach and sight. And when he hears the preacher's voice in whispers soft expire, that is the time to slam the doors and rattle at the fire."

"And now the deacons—tell the deacons, too, through all the busy week, to hang their boots up in the sun to hatch a Sunday squeak, with steel-shod came to poke the man who comes to church to snore, and use the boys who laugh in church to mop the vestry floor."

"There's another, too: the woman who talks the sermon through; tell her I do not mind the buzz my listening days are few. Tell her to leave her mouth at home some Sunday for a minute, and listen to a text at least, without a whisper in it."

"And tell the board of trustees not to weep with bitter tears, for I can't be any sadder than they have been for years. And tell half my congregation that I'm glad salvation's free, for that's the only chance for them, between the desk and me."

"And a farewell to the choir! How the name my memory racks! If they could but get up their voices as they do get up their backs! Why, the stars would join their music, and the welkin would rejoice, while the happy congregation could not hear a single voice. But tell them I forgive them, and O, tell them that I said I wanted them to come and sing above me—when I'm dead."

His voice grew faint and hoarser, but he gave a laughing break, a kind of gurgling chuckle as a minister might make. But the deacon rose up slowly, and sternly he looked down upon the parson's twinkling eyes with most portentous frown. And he stilly said, "Good morning." As he walked on 'crisp' fire, for the deacon was the leader of that amiable choir.

## "Sterling Hall." A CURTAIN LECTURE.

Have you a thought of wanting Curtains at the time of the Spring House-cleaning. If so, you ought to see our very large and attractive assortment of good values. Come and have a look. No trouble to show them.

Frilled Nets and Muslins at 15c., 20c., 25c. and 35c. yd.  
Curtain Lace, by the yard, at 10c., 15c., 20c., and 25c. yd.  
Curtain Scrims at 8c., 10c., 12 1/2c., 15c. and 20c. yd.  
Art Muslins at 6c., 8c., 9c., 10c., 12 1/2c., 15c. yd.



Nottingham Lace Curtains, 25c. to \$5 pr.  
Swiss Lace Curtains, - \$3 to \$6.50 pr.  
Irish Point Lace Curtains, \$3 to \$5 pr.

### Wall Paper.

We show values that stand for economy and true worth. Sow the seeds for Spring buying by having a look to-day. Prices 3c. to 25c. roll.

### A Spring Carnival.

There's a grand carnival assortment of Cream Waistings being shown which should attract the Ladies. SPECIALITIES in Nun's Veilings, Crepe de Chines, Plain Lustres, Fancy Lustres, Sicilians, Grenadines and Plain and Fancy Hopsackings at 25c. to 50c. per yd.

### Kid Gloves.

All sizes just received in PEWNEY'S guaranteed goods, blacks and colors at \$1.00 and \$1.25.

### SPRING SUITS

FOR DISCERNING MEN.

When you buy your Suit at "Sterling Hall" you have the assurance of economy in price and a lasting satisfaction in results. Our stock represents the best efforts in style and workmanship of the best workshops in Canada—equal in every respect to the best custom tailored work, at a saving of \$5.00 to \$8.00 a suit.

SPECIAL SUIT VALUES at \$10, \$12, \$14, and good values at \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00.

### BOOTS AND SHOES.

This line is receiving careful attention and our customers are assured the best going values.

The SOVEREIGN Shoe for Men at \$3.25 to \$5.00 is correct in style and quality.

The REVELATION, American Shoe for Women, is extra special value at \$3.00.



### GROCERY LIST.

|                             |      |  |      |
|-----------------------------|------|--|------|
| 5 lbs. Cooking Figs for     | 25c. | 6 bars White Castile Soap for                      | 25c. |
| 5 lbs. Prunes for           | 25c. | 6 bars Comfort Soap for                            | 25c. |
| 5 lbs. Village Biscuit for  | 25c. | Vim, per box                                       | 10c. |
| 3 lbs. Lemon Biscuit for    | 25c. | Appricots, 1 lb. box                               | 10c. |
| 3 lbs. Seedless Raisins for | 25c. | Dried Peaches, 1 lb. box                           | 10c. |
| 4 lbs. Cleaned Currants for | 25c. | 7 lbs. Tillson's Aberdeen Oats, in cotton bag, for | 25c. |
| 2 lbs. Best Soda for        | 5c.  |  |      |

### W. R. MATHER,

Direct Importer of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods.

### CHILDREN'S SHOES.



We are strong on Children's Shoes. The lines we carry in stock are the best we can hear of.

Boys' Shoes that are strong at the weak places. Girls' Shoes that look well and wear well.

Babies' Shoes that are just the right thing. Come and see for yourselves.

Plenty of Good Shoes for Men and Women, all at moderate prices.

On SATURDAY we will sell Shoe Polish for 5c. per bottle, and a bottle or box of 2 in 1 FREE with every pair of Shoes purchased at our store.

### J. W. BROWN,

RELIABLE BOOT & SHOE MERCHANT.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN JOYCE, late of the Village of Stirling, in the County of Hastings, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chap. 129, Sec. 38, to all creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of John Joyce, late of the Village of Stirling, in the County of Hastings, deceased, who died on or about the 12th day of July, A.D. 1903, to send by mail prepaid, or otherwise, to the undersigned, a statement in writing of their names and addresses, and full particulars of their claims or demands, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given that after the date above mentioned the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to those claims of which notice shall have been given as required.

All persons indebted to the said estate are also hereby notified to hand in the amount of their indebtedness to the said Administrator, on or before the said 10th day of April, 1904.

J. EARL HALLIWELL,  
Administrator for the Administrator.

Dated the 22nd day of March, A.D. 1904.

### Notice To Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of BENJAMIN HAGEMAN FARR, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, Farmer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chap. 129, Sec. 38, to all creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of Benjamin Hageman Farr, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, Farmer, deceased, who died on or about the 18th day of February, A.D. 1904, to send by mail prepaid, or otherwise, to the undersigned, a statement in writing of their names and addresses, and full particulars of their claims or demands, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given that after the date above mentioned the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to those claims, notice of which shall have been given as required.

All persons indebted to the said estate are also hereby notified to hand in the amount of their indebtedness to the said executors, on or before the said 30th day of April, A.D. 1904.

J. EARL HALLIWELL,  
Solicitor for Executors.

Dated the 30th day of March, 1904.



Exhibition of English Manufactures to Visit All Countries.

Lady :—"How dirty your face  
little boy !" Boy : "Yeg'm;  
ain't had no company for more'n  
week."

Few men can argue about religion  
and keep cool.

Death is one thing that never fails to come to the man who waits.

There's something radically wrong about a woman who isn't fond of dress parade.

No true Kentuckian will take his morning rye in the form of breakfast food.

One way to dodge the divorce courts is to stay single.

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The Toronto News says the Ontario Legislature will be dissolved, and a new general election held in about six weeks, probably about the first week in June.

A treaty has been signed between Great Britain and France, by which France relinquishes her territorial claims on the shores of Newfoundland, in exchange for certain territorial concessions in West Africa. This removes a great objection to the inclusion of Newfoundland in the Canadian federation; and it is hoped that the island colony may soon be induced to become a part of the Dominion of Canada.

The Toronto News predicts a general election for the Ontario Legislature soon after this session closes, which will probably take place next week. The News says that Hon. Messrs. Gibbons and Latchford will retire from the Cabinet, and possibly be given judgeships, and that Hon. Mr. Davis will also retire, and that with a reconstructed Cabinet Hon. Mr. Ross will appeal to the people. Time will soon tell if these predictions are correct.

After long waiting there is at last some exciting news concerning the war between Japan and Russia. Reports in last evening's papers state that a Russian battleship has been blown up by a mine, and nearly the whole crew of between 600 and 700 men perished, and also Admiral Makarov, the commander of the fleet. The reports also state that a naval battle was being fought outside of Port Arthur. There has been some skirmishing on land, but no fighting of any consequence.

The subject of church union is being much discussed both in the secular and religious press, and it looks very much as if a union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches would become an accomplished fact in the near future. It would be a great triumph for Christianity, and would do much to hasten the time when "all shall know the Lord." The union of these churches would tend to hasten the larger union, when all Protestants will form one church, and when there will be but "one fold and one shepherd."

The Executive Committee of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance has sent out a circular letter calling a convention of the friends of temperance and prohibition in this Province on April 21st, in the Guild Hall, McGill street, Toronto. The letter calls attention to the critical and serious, though encouraging, position of the temperance cause, and the necessity for prompt, wise, and determined effort, because it is now recognized that the temperance question has become an important political one that will not be settled until it is settled right. The letter calls for a rousing rally of faithful, fearless, devoted men and women, resolved to unite in a supreme effort, regardless of all personal and party considerations.

#### No Delay in Bye-Elections.

According to a piece of legislation introduced in the Legislature by Hon. J. M. Gibson, Attorney-General, long delays in the holding of bye-elections such as took place in the case of North Renfrew will no longer be possible in the Province of Ontario.

The clause of the bill provides that if the writ for the bye-election is not issued within a certain time after a vacancy is created, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the Crown in Chancery to issue the writ, set the date of the election, and carry out the other necessary details. In this way, the bye-election will come automatically, without any action on the part of the Government.

Although there was formerly a separate office of Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, that office is now merged with that of Clerk of the Legislature, on whose shoulders will consequently fall the new responsibilities. It is provided that in cases where there are two officers in a riding, either of whom are eligible to be returning officers, the writ shall be issued to the one who was not returning officer at the last preceding election.

#### The British Empire.

The British Empire occupies about one-fifth of the surface of the habitable globe and consists of the United Kingdom, with its attendant islands, and about forty-three dependencies under separate and independent governments, varying in size from Canada, which is thirty times the size of the United Kingdom, to Gibraltar, the area of which is two square miles. . . Then the area of the British Empire is ninety-eight times that of the United Kingdom, while the area of the self-governing colonies alone is nearly sixty times as large as that of the mother country.

#### Bismark's Regrets.

Shortly after 1870 Bismark was complaining that life had brought him no happiness or love. "But," said a friend, "you have made a great nation happy." "Yes," replied the Prince, "but many people unhappy. But for me three great wars would not have been waged, 30,000 men would not have perished, and widows would not now be mourning. That I have to settle with God. But I have had little or no pleasure from what I have done; on the contrary, much vexation, anxiety and toll."

#### Action.

Some men go through life so afraid that they will do something wrong that they do nothing at all. They get advice from all sources and floundering considerable variation therein, if they get up nerve enough to do anything, they follow the advice that recommends least action and as a rule, produces least result.

Look the situation over carefully, think about it; then act on your own judgment. If you cannot succeed on your own, no amount of advice will be much good and you'll be a failure anyway until you accumulate sense enough to succeed.

Sense is pretty generally picked up as a result of action. Keep hustling and pretty soon you'll catch yourself thinking. Then you'll be a success, for it's hustle and thought that wins.

#### County and District Items

During a fire at Richardson's photograph gallery, Napanee, Mr. John Polard, editor of The Express, fell to the ground and expired from heart failure.

The ratepayers of Peterboro will vote on May 5th on a proposition to guarantee bonds for \$100,000 for the purpose of raising funds to complete the sugar factory.

There were thirteen cases of smallpox in Ontario reported to the Provincial Board of Health last week. Three of these cases were reported from the town of Trenton. All the patients are quarantined.

Work on the rebuilding of the cold storage establishment at Trenton has been commenced. The intention is to put up a larger building than the one that was burned, by an extension of one hundred feet.

The Bessemer and Barry's Bay Railway Company are asking for incorporation, in order to construct and operate a line from L'Amable station northerly to a point on the C.P.R., not farther west than Mattawa, passing near Barry's Bay on the Canada Atlantic, with power to carry on a mining, reduction, and smelting business, to operate saw-mills, pulp-mills, steamboats, etc.

Mr. J. L. Denike, of Cressy Fruit Farm, expects a fruit famine this season, the equal of which Canada has not experienced in many years. He has been a close observer of the formation of blossoms ever since he was a boy, and he says at the present time the buds when squeezed in the fingers are black and perfectly dead. Mr. Denike gives this as his reason: Apples cannot be grown successfully in Manitoba, and the past winter Canada has had a Manitoba winter.—Pilot Times.

A large part of the machinery in the Montreal shops of the Canadian General Electric Company is being removed to Peterborough. This removal will mean the addition of 150 or 200 skilled mechanics to the staff of the company at Peterborough, which at present numbers 900. No new buildings will be erected to accommodate the machinery from the Montreal shops, as those at present in use, with the addition of a large building recently constructed, will furnish ample space. The machinery will as it arrives be assembled in the various departments.

### INDEPENDENT ORDER of FORESTERS Grand Demonstration

—AT—  
**BELLEVILLE.**

On the 5th May next a Convention of the Order will be held at the City of Belleville at which over 1000 members will be initiated into the Order.

The Supreme Chief Ranger and Hon. Dr. Montague and other dignitaries of the Order will be present and take part in the ceremonies, as well as the Guard of Honor from the Temple Headquarters, Toronto.

An open Public Meeting will be held at the Opera House in the evening.

Special rates secured on Railways and Steamboats.

A. McGINNIS, Secretary. Lt.-Col. LAZIER, Chairman of Com.

### LICENSE DISTRICT —OF— North Hastings.

A meeting of the Board of License Commissioners of North Hastings, will be held at

**SPRING BROOK,**  
—ON—  
**Friday, April 22, 1904,**

at one o'clock, p.m., for the consideration of applications for tavern and shop licenses for the ensuing year.

The total number of Licenses during the past year, twenty-seven, viz:—five shop, twenty-one tavern and one wine and beer.

The total for the ensuing year for consideration is twenty-five, viz:—five shop, twenty tavern.

All parties govern themselves accordingly.

G. W. FAULKNER,  
Inspector for North Hastings.  
Stirling, April 2nd, 1904.

#### A NEST BUILDING FISH.

Nature Affords a Safe Asylum For the Helpless Fishes.

It is doubtful whether protective mimicry among animals is better exemplified than in the case of the fish commonly known as the marbled mullet, or the Sargassum sea (Trophopoma histrix). Owing to its peculiar structure it is a poor swimmer, and it therefore spends most of its life moving slowly about on the bottom among corals, seaweed, etc., which these fishes closely resemble in color and in outline. They cling too, to the floating masses of sargassum weed with their peculiar fins, and the color markings of the fish closely resemble the weed itself. Not only does the weed thus furnish a home for this species, but the fish actually construct a nest from it and therein deposit its eggs. One of these nests, found in connection with the Hassler expedition, was described as consisting of a round mass of sargassum about the size of two fists rolled up together. To all appearances it was made of nothing but this gulf weed, the branches and leaves of which were, however, evidently knitted together and not merely tangled into a roundish mass, for though some of the leaves and branches hung loose from the nest, it became at once visible that the bulk of the ball was held together by threads trailing in every direction among the seaweed. By close observation it became apparent that this mass of seaweed was a nest, the central part of which was bound up in the form of a ball, with several loose branches extending in various directions. On still closer examination the nest above described was found to be full of eggs, which were scattered throughout the mass.

Nature has thus afforded a safe asylum for these somewhat helpless fishes, whose cutaneous filaments, which are plentifully provided on the belly, around the mouth and on the dorsal spine, so nearly resemble the weed itself that predaceous fishes doubtless fail to recognize the living animals, and thus the latter escape extermination.—Scientific American.

#### WHY HIS MARRIAGE FAILED.

He regarded children as a nuisance. He did all his courting before marriage.

He doled out money to his wife as if to a beggar.

He never had time to go anywhere with his wife.

He never dreamed that there were two sides to marriage.

He never dreamed that a wife needs praise or compliments.

He thought his wife should spend all her time doing housework.

He treated his wife as he would not have dared to treat another woman.

He never dreamed that his wife needed a vacation, recreation or change.

He never made concessions to his wife's judgment, even in unimportant matters.

He thought the marriage vow had made him his wife's master instead of her partner.

He took all the little attentions lavished on him by his wife as his by "divine right" and not as favors.—Success.

#### Flowers For London.

In Sicily and Guernsey the industry of growing early flowers for the London market has reached large proportions. From the former island as many as fifty tons of early spring blossoms are shipped to the mainland in a single day. The flower season begins in January, when the early varieties are coming into bloom. Often, when the weather is cold and cloudy, the buds are tardy in opening, and it is necessary to resort to artificial aid in order that the waiting markets may be supplied. The flower heads are picked as soon as one bud penetrates the calyx and placed in jars of water, which are ranged upon the shelves of a greenhouse kept at a temperature of 60 to 70 degrees. In a few hours the backward buds respond to the genial warmth, spread their petals, assume their glowing colors and are ready for bunching and packing.

John L. Sullivan, the noted pugilist, now lies a physical wreck on a sick bed in Boston. He sends out this message through an interviewer: "Remember, young men, that if you couldn't lick John L. Sullivan you can't lick the thing that is stronger than he is. Leave whiskey alone." This is a short, but strong, temperance sermon.

### Ayer's

You know the medicine that makes pure, rich blood—Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Your mother, grandmother, all your folks, used it. They trusted

**Sarsaparilla**  
it. Their doctors trusted it. Your doctor trusts it. Then trust it yourself. There is health and strength in it.

"I suffered terribly from indigestion and this blood found no relief until I took Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Four bottles given me complete cure."  
Miss E. R. HART, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.  
\$1.00 a bottle. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass. All druggists.

**Rich Blood**  
Ayer's Pills are gently laxative. They greatly aid the Sarsaparilla.

News-Argus to Jan. 1 '05, 65c

## Lace Curtain Values.

Excellent buying conditions which our ideal business relations make possible are responsible for the finest Curtain values we have ever shown. Importing these goods direct from the manufacturers in large quantities saves middlemen's profits and enables us to mark our goods at prices lower than you would pay elsewhere.

These are of the very newest "Nottingham" designs, and our assortment is larger than ever this season which gives you a larger variety to select from.

Here are a few of the different sizes and prices we are showing, all of which are trimmed with a very serviceable corded edge.

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|--|------|--|------|
| Size 86 in. wide x 8 yds. long, per pair | 50c. | Size 66 in. wide x 8 yds. long, per pair | 2.50 |
| Size 42 in. wide x 8 yds. long "         | 75c. | Size 54 in. wide x 8 yds. long, "        | 3.25 |
| Size 47 in. wide x 8 yds. long, "        | 1.00 | Size 62 in. wide x 8 yds. long, "        | 3.50 |
| Size 58 in. wide x 8 yds. long, "        | 1.25 | Size 54 in. wide x 8 yds. long, "        | 4.00 |
| Size 62 in. wide x 8 yds. long, "        | 1.50 |  |      |
| Size 68 in. wide x 8 yds. long, "        | 1.75 |  |      |
| Size 60 in. wide x 8 yds. long, "        | 2.00 |  |      |

#### NEW DRESS MATERIALS.

Now is the time to select the material for that all important Spring Dress. Come in and let us assist you. The new dress materials have been arriving almost daily, until now our counters are overflowing with the New Goods that are so much in vogue just now.

We are showing a large assortment of Organdies, Lawn, Piques, Fancy Linens, Cotton Voiles, Plain and Fancy Matings, etc. Importing these goods direct from the European markets enables us to sell them at prices lower than you would pay elsewhere.

You can obtain almost any shade or pattern you desire at our Wash Goods Department, at from 15c. to 75c. per yd.

#### MEN'S SPRING SUITS.

ECONOMY in CLOTHING does not consist in saving a dollar or so on the original purchase but in obtaining lasting satisfaction at a fair price.

Our garments are noted for their exclusive style, perfect fit, best workmanship and excellent wearing qualities—remember we retain our interest in the garments after they leave us. We keep pressed all clothing bought here—free of charge.

We are showing a large range of the newest styles in the most fashionable fabrics for Spring wear. Come in and see the smart 4-button Sack style we are showing, military cut, in fancy tweeds and plain black and navy, very new, selling at \$10, \$12 and \$15.

## The RITCHIE COMPANY BELLEVILLE Limited.

Addressing a deputation of Jews, the Russian Minister of the Interior said the Jewish race were murderers and revolutionaries.

Some eighty heads of French Canadian families, who have settled in Minnesota for years, left last week for new locations near Jackfish, Central Saskatchewan. Other parties are being organized in Illinois.

#### Happiness.

"I am sometimes accused," writes Sir John Lubbock, "of being too optimistic. But I have never ignored nor denied the troubles and sorrows of life. I have never said that men are happy, but only that they might be; that if they are not so the fault is generally their own; that most of us throw away more happiness than we enjoy."

#### Too Deserving.

A young village maiden had obtained the modest prize. "I suppose then, my child," said a Parisian lady addressing her, "you are the most modest girl in the parish?"

"There is not the slightest doubt about that, ma'am, and it's a downright shame I didn't get all the other prizes!"

#### A Hard Proposition.

One of the hardest things for a man to do when he has come home late from the club and tried to go to bed without taking off his collar is to explain to his wife he heard it was a good cure for sore throat.

The man that makes character makes foes.—Young.

The people who help us most are those who make light of our achievements and have faith in our possibilities.

#### The English Cocker and His Quill.

In Elizabeth's time a case of tooth-picks made of wood was carried about by fine gentlemen. A more violent eccentricity of fashion is pointed at by Sir Thomas Overbury, who describes a courtier as walking in St. Paul's "with a picktooth in his hat, a cape cloak and a long stocking."

#### Co-operation In Italy.

In northern Italy there is a co-operative association for every thousand inhabitants.

#### Hair Stockings.

Stockings made from human hair are worn by Chinese fishermen as the best preventive of wet feet. They are drawn over ordinary cotton stockings, being too rough for putting near the skin.

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#### Won With a Kiss.

In the days of George III. it was the custom to get ladies to place a shilling between their lips to entice intending suitors to kiss it out.

#### A Double Saint's Day.

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**RAILWAY TIME TABLE.**  
Train to Stirling station as follows:—  
GOING WEST.  
Mail & Ex. 6:37 a.m. Accom. 10:38 a.m. Accom. 10:49 p.m. Mail & Ex. 8:48 p.m.

## The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1904.

### LOCAL MATTERS.

Belleville is talking of having an Old Boys Reunion.

The cheese factory at Hoard's Station is nearly completed, and will commence operations next week.

Get the habit of wearing Ward's Shirts.

The License Commissioners for North Hastings will meet at Spring Brook, on Friday, April 22nd, at 1 o'clock, p.m.

Mr. Chester Hoard intends removing from here to Hoard's Station next week, and will open up a general store there.

The weather has been decidedly cold and wintry the past two or three days, with snow flurries and hard frost at night.

Leave your measure now for a New Spring Suit at Fred. Ward's, \$10.00 up.

At the meeting of the Central Ontario Fair Association at Frankford last Thursday, the date of North Hastings Fall Fair was fixed for Sept. 20 and 21.

Do not forget the Sacred Cantata and Tea to be given in the Presbyterian Church by the Choir on Friday evening, April 16th. Tea served from 6 to 8 o'clock. Admission 15c. and 25c.

Have you got the right style in Hat? You have if you got your New Hat at Ward's.

The entertainment to be given by the Epworth League, Stirling, known as "An evening with John Chinaman," will be held on Friday evening May 20th, instead of Tuesday evening, May 24th.

A meeting is called of all those interested in the formation of cricket team in this village, for Friday evening, April 16th, at the Stirling House. A good attendance is looked for, as there are a number of the old cricketers in town.

A rather severe electrical storm, for so early in the season, passed over this section on Saturday last, and which did some damage. Mr. Thos. Eggleton, who lives near Tuftsville, had his barn struck by lightning, killing one of the best cows he had.

See Ward's Ready-to-Wear Suits—Men's, Boys' and Children's.

Nearly all the cheese factories in this district have commenced operations. The price of cheese is low, and the making of odder cheese will tend to keep the price down. At the same time creamery butter is bringing a good price, and at present is much more profitable than cheese.

The east span of the Frankford bridge has been carried away by the ice, and Fairfield's bridge, near Foxboro, has also been so undermined that it may go at any minute. It will probably cost the county of Hastings in the neighborhood of \$40,000 to repair the damage caused by the ice and floods this spring so far.

Rev. Dr. Nimmo visited the parish of Rawdon on Sunday last, and was greeted by large congregations at St. Mark's, St. Thomas', and St. Lawrence's. Liberal collections were placed on the plate for the diocesan mission fund. Rev. Dr. Nimmo will visit the parish of Rawdon again on the 8th of May, and the Bishop will be with them on May 9th. A clergyman will be permanently appointed for the parish in the near future.

The Ontario says the volume of water coming down the river Moira is the largest that has been known for many years. All along the river the low lands are flooded and in some places people have been compelled to leave their homes. From Ross' Corners to Foxboro, a distance of over a mile, there are two and a half feet of water on the land, making driving dangerous. The flat lands on either side for a long distance are completely submerged.

**PASTURE TO LET.**—On Lot 12 and 13 in the 9th Con. of Rawdon. For particulars apply to GERMAN BAILEY.

Toronto city council has, without a dissenting voice, passed an anti-spitting by-law, imposing a fine of \$1.00 and costs, or three days in jail, for spitting on the sidewalks, in public buildings, or in the street cars. A leading doctor says the danger from expectorating on the sidewalks is much greater than the general public have any conception of. This danger is not less in small places than in large cities, and if our village council desires to have its name enrolled on the scroll of fame it will speedily enact a law prohibiting spitting on the sidewalks or public places in this village. Its fitness is no less disgusting than its danger to public health; and if the members of the Council could hear the remarks of the ladies whose skirts are soiled by the expectorations of those who indulge in this filthy habit, they would soon pass a by-law imposing sufficiently heavy penalties to put a stop to the practice.

Eastern Ontario has again shown that it is a good place in which to live long and die old. The deaths are announced of Mrs. Donald McDonald, of Glenagarry, 107, and of Mr. Kenneth McGillivray, of Moose Creek, aged 101.

Reports from leading jewellers in London state that "diamonds are going up," therefore now is the time to lay in your stock of diamonds. The only kind we have any use for are "black diamonds," and they have gone up in price greatly in the past two years, and not much prospect of a drop.

This sketch on "Men" was originally written by a schoolgirl, but its authorship has been attributed to various people. "Men are what women marry. They drink, smoke, swear, and have ever so many rackets, but don't go to church. Perhaps if they were buns they might. They are more logical than women, and more zoological. Both men and women have sprung from monkeys, but the women certainly sprung farther than men."—The Pictorial Gazette.

### Village Council.

At the adjourned meeting of the village council held on Friday evening last, a by-law was passed for the appointment of certain officers, other than those appointed under a previous by-law. The following officers were appointed:

Collector, R. G. Kingston, salary \$40.00.  
Truant Officer, Sanitary Inspector, and Overseer under Cow By-law, Robert Fletcher, salary \$20.

A resolution was passed appointing Dr. H. H. Alger Medical Health Officer for the village.

The Clerk was instructed to write to different brokers regarding the sale of debentures.

Council adjourned.

### Clarke-Hoard

A very pretty home wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mrs. M. Hoard, Stirling, on the evening of April 6th, when her daughter, May, was united in marriage to Mr. J. Mason Clarke, of Tuftsville. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. H. Clarke of Mountain Grove, brother of the groom, assisted by Rev. J. C. Bell, of Stirling. The bride looked charming, gown in a brown skirt and white silk waist, and carried a bouquet of white roses. She was assisted by her sister, Miss Winnie Hoard, who was similarly attired, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. F. J. Clarke of Arden. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Stephen Hoard.

The young couple stood beneath an arch of evergreens and roses while the words which united them for life were being spoken, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome gold necklace and pendant; to the bridesmaid a gold crescent brooch set with brilliants; and to the groomsmen a set of gold cuff links.

After the nuptial knot was tied they repaired to the dining room, where a tempting wedding supper was served. The beautiful gifts presented to the bride testified to the esteem in which the young couple are held. The happy pair drove to their future home at "Evergreen Lodge," Tuftsville, followed by the good wishes of their many friends.

### Dates of Fall Fairs

At the meeting of the Central Ontario Fall Fairs Association, held at Frankford last week, the following dates of Fall Fairs were arranged:

West Hastings, Frankford, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 and 17.

North Hastings, Stirling, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 20 and 21.

East Hastings, Thrasher's Corners, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 22 and 23.

Marmora, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 26 and 27.

Seymour, Campbellford, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 28 and 29.

Dungannon and Faraday, L'Amable, Friday, Sept. 30.

Wollaston, Coe Hill, Saturday Oct. 1.

Cramahe, Castleton Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 4 and 5.

Percy, Warkworth, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 6 and 7.

East Peterborough, Norwood, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 11 and 12.

Murray, Wooler, Friday, Oct. 14.

Government Expert Judges will judge at the above fairs.

The next meeting of the Association is to be held at Stirling, after the Fall Fairs, and before the Annual Fair Board meetings.

### I. O. F.

We beg to draw attention to the advertisement in another column of the great joint initiation convention of the Independent Order of Foresters, to be held at the City of Belleville on the 5th of May next. It is intended to make it the greatest event in the history of the Order, which has made such wonderful strides in the last few years.

It now numbers upwards of 220,000 members and has a surplus of nearly \$8,000,000 and has branches in nearly every part of the civilized world.

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The ceremony at Belleville will not only be of great interest to the members of the Order, but to the general public as well.

The exposition to be made by the Supreme Chief Ranger and other high officials who will be present, of the aims, objects, and extent of the Order will be well worth any one going a long distance to hear.

Arrangements are being made with all railways and steamboat lines for reduced rates. We shall be surprised if the members of the Order present on the occasion will not run up into the thousands.

The uniformed degree corps of young ladies from the Temple headquarters at Toronto will be present and take part in the ceremony.

### Wellman's Corners.

From Our Correspondent.

Mr. E. T. Williams, of Marmora, spent part of his Easter holidays here, renewing old acquaintances. He was looking quite well, notwithstanding his recent illness, and the people here were all pleased to see his genial face again.

The cheese factory here opened for the season's business on Wednesday the 14th, under the superintendence of Mr. Robert Scott.

Mr. Rodgers, of Centerton, is assisting in the cheese factory. This will be his third season among us.

Mr. W. Anderson has been visiting his friend, Mr. Geo. E. Mack, at Bancroft. Mr. Mack is now superintendent of the Bancroft Methodist Sabbath School. We congratulate that body on having secured such an efficient officer.

There is considerable sugar making going on in this vicinity.

Mrs. Wm. Jackson, who has been very ill, is now able to be around the house.

This seems to have been rather a hard year on stock. Quite a number of the farmers have lost valuable cows.

Carman Nix, a tuff gentry last week to a number of his school friends. The little people enjoyed the treat, and say they had a "splendid time."

Little Mary Ethelinda, daughter of Mr. Wm. Pounder, has recovered from the attack of pneumonia, which at one time was thought would terminate her life.

Miss Nettie Sharp is at Belleville, pursuing her musical studies.

Mr. Matthew Johnston has taken the contract of building a cheese factory at Hoard's Station, and has already commenced the work.

T. Embury and R. Maybes have bought the cheese factory known as the "Cassan Factory," and now have it in operation.

We are sorry our blacksmith, Mr. McCuag, is leaving us. He has bought a shop in Havelock, and is moving to that place.

Our teacher, Mr. A. McDonald, has returned from his vacation. He opens with 16 or 17 new scholars, all little tots. Were we in his place we would think condolence would be in better taste than congratulations.

The Gullet mill has a brand new gasoline engine and cranker.

Percy Morton and Fred Anderson are again in attendance at Stirling High School, and Lorne Wellman has returned to Campbellford.

We were sorry our pastor could not be with us on Easter Sabbath, as we were anticipating a fine discourse on the resurrection. He was here all right last Sunday evening, and his sermon was both eloquent and instructive. Indeed, Mr. Duke's sermons are all good, and we are always sorry to miss one of them.

The annual Sabbath School meeting for the election of teachers and officers is announced for next Friday evening.

### River Valley

From Our Own Correspondent.

Miss M. Millar, of Toronto, is visiting with her cousin, Miss Mary Bueh.

Quite a number of the farmers around the valley are having windmills put up at their barns.

Mr. Alex. Park, who has ill with pneumonia, is able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wannamaker, of Murray, spent Sunday at Mr. M. F. Fisher's.

Shamrock cheese factory began operations on Tuesday.

A number of the young people spent a very enjoyable evening at Mr. Wm. Bush's on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanna, Jr., spent Sunday at Mr. Jas. Park's.

There will be service in the school house next Sunday afternoon, the 17th, at two o'clock.

We are pleased to hear that Miss Janet Smith is able to teach school again after an illness of a couple of weeks.

Dame Rumor says a wedding in the near future.

The death is announced of Rev. Jos. Kilgour, aged 72 years, a superannuated Methodist minister of Peterboro. He entered the ministry in 1856, and was superannuated in 1893.

The Peterborough Ministerial Association has passed a resolution calling upon Hon. J. R. Stratton to assist the Provincial Government in giving effect to the will of the people for the abolition of the bar.

### PERSONALS.

Mrs. Jas. Boldrick, of Corbyville, is visiting her sister, Miss C. L. Ketcheson.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. O'Reilly, of Norwood, visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stella.

Mr. John Foster and sister, Stella, of Stockdale, are visiting their sister, Mrs. (Dr.) C. F. Walt.

Misses Irene and Geraldine O'Connell, of Norwood, are the guests of Miss Marguerite Whitty.

Rev. J. de Pencier Wright, M.A. and Mrs. Wright spent this week in town with her sister, Mrs. F. H. Stinson.

### Auction Sale.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16.—On Lot 14, in the 11th Con. of Rawdon, a lot of Farm Stock and implements, the property of Mr. Jas. McComb. Sale at 1 o'clock, p.m. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

### Married.

BARTON-MCMULLEN.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Stirling, on April 13th, by the Rev. J. C. Bell, Mr. Chas. H. Barton, to Miss Henrietta McMillen, both of Rawdon.

### Deaths.

JOHNSON.—In Rawdon, on April 7th, Alice Johnson, wife of Wm. Johnson, aged 25 yrs., 7 months and 2 days.

DANFORD.—In Sidney, on April 11th, Samuel Danford, aged 67 years, 10 months and 4 days.

### Small Fruits.

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50 pieces of 6c. and 7c. Print to be sold on these days only, at 5c. yd. You all want Print. Don't miss this opportunity. Print guaranteed.

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The County of Northumberland Teachers' Convention will be held this year at Campbellford, on June 2nd and 3rd. On the evening of the first day Hon. Geo. E. Foster will give an address on "Imperialism."

Napanee council will submit a by-law to the ratepayers for a bonus of \$20,000 for the proposed electric road. It will cost about \$4,760,000, and the amount of bonds to be purchased along the line is \$700,000. Trenton has been unanimous in taking \$20,000 worth of the bonds, and Napanee is going into the scheme with enthusiasm.

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Reports reached London on Sunday.

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## NEWS-ARGUS

To Jan. 1, 1905,  
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## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

DEAR SIR,—I see by the last issue of the NEWS-ARGUS that Mr. Welch has appeared in a somewhat ridiculous manner in your columns. Now it appears as if Peter is acquainted with Mr. Carnegie. If he had only been acquainted with this Mr. Carnegie a few years ago it is not likely he would have become bankrupt and made an assignment, and have been J. P. yet. Now, Sir, I am writing this letter trying to base it on facts. Truth appears to be what he is trying to father. I shall state things as they are; let the public judge. Mr. Welch repeats the statement I made before: "The people took exception to many things." He says they did, and "good reasons." Now, Sir, who are the people, and what are their reasons? The people are the law-breaking people, and their reasons are that they did not like to come to justice. They were not temperance people at all. The next thing he does is to bring in his political ally, which is a shame and a disgrace for a man who has talked temperance all his life, just for his own sweet satisfaction. (A drowning man will grasp at a straw.) Just to show you how far he is astray I shall state here some things that perhaps I had not thought of. But to try to keep politics out of this temperance question I shall state as follows: I went to Stirling to lay charges against two Spring Brook hotels. I did so, I was asked for witnesses. I gave them, and the Inspector said "I will prosecute those men myself for buying liquor." Where does politics come in there? If politics comes in anywhere it is in the next thing I did. There was a charge laid against five Grits. What did I do? I did my duty. I laid the charge to the Inspector, and he took me to court.

He says the next thing I did was to hunt up offenses. I say that is not true. All the charges were given me in Spring Brook, and without asking for them at that. After the charges were given me I often would make inquiry into the case. He talks about the understanding of the hotel and retained his own son for witness. The only difference I can see is that my witness swore to what he said he would, and did not, for fifty cents and his dinner, swear he found the bottles of whiskey back by the C. P. R. track, after saying he got it in Spring Brook. The next thing he says I blamed Mr. Flint. That is not true. His letter he wrote Mr. Flint was only a hearsay on Mr. Welch's part. He refers to Mr. John Morgan, Wm. Haslett, N. White, and others. Here is a letter written to Mr. Flint:

Spring Brook, April 18, '04.  
Mr. Flint, P. M.  
Belleville, Ont.  
Dear Sir,—Mr. P. A. Lott did not say that you were to blame and would hold Potts for a witness.  
I am yours truly,  
John Morgan.

Wm. Haslett and N. White also say they never heard me say it to the best of their knowledge. Is not that enough to show you that their letters were misleading, and did not contain the truth. I believe Mr. Thos. Rupert is to blame for the misrepresentation of my statement given to Mr. Welch. Now, Sir, I am going to state this case about these boys as it is, and why Potts was not pulled the third time. Here are the facts. Potts had just paid one fine and had another charge against him at that time for which he has been since fined. I went to the Inspector and told him about the charge against the boys. He said, who are your witnesses? I said I knew of none but Potts, and he said "we have one charge against Potts now and we had better keep him for witness," and gave me authority to go to Belleville and lay the charge. I did so, and Mr. Flint asked me the same question, "who are your witnesses?" I told him what the Inspector said. Mr. Flint said, "have we a charge against Potts?" I told him, yes, and he said very well we shall retain him for witness. Now, sir, you would think by his letter that Potts had never been fined at all. But you see that is not so, nor did I save him any, only as directed by the temperance people.

Now sir, he says I was after somebody and that somebody was my political

opponents. I say no. It was the hotel keepers. Compare the condition of things then with to-day, and you will see the need of being after somebody. What need a man fear me being after him if he does not break the law? Now, it is to be wondered at if I did say I was after somebody. When the Council appointed me I asked them to appoint another man with me. Mr. Morgan said he would not act with me. But no, I was just the chap they wanted. I asked them to appoint a committee. But no came again. But that was not all—see the low, unprincipled things that was said about me. It was said that there was not a man dirty enough in the Conservative Party to do the work so they got me. Another big fellow said they did not think I would take any action and things would go on as they were. But they all got left bad. Sure sir, I do not think that anybody blames me but Mr. Welch, because nearly all the rest were in Stirling one day and in my presence made a motion, moved and seconded and T. C. McConnell put the motion and made them all stand on their feet, to exonerate me from all blame. Mr. Welch says I am very anxious about my reputation. If I had none I would not care so much about stating the facts of the case. That is likely why Mr. Welch is so heedless of the truth in his letter.

You will see by his letter that he has some day learned a little scripture. You will see by what he refers to what is in his heart:—"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." I think he would have been far more thought of had he learned more of the fifth commandment as well as the ninth, and put it into practice years ago. Now sir, I am not a Doctor, but I think I could prescribe a remedy for his eternal welfare:—Add together Leviticus 19:35, Prov. 17:15, Prov. 15:20, Isa. 55:7. Mix thoroughly, take a little before breakfast each day until cured.

I am yours truly,

P. A. LOTT.

P.S.—Mr. Welch says he would like to know where I got my authority. I will just say I got my authority from Mr. Flint; and you will see that he got his from Thomas Rupert.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

DEAR SIR,—The following is a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Temperance Association of Rawdon, which would no doubt be of interest to many of your readers. Kindly insert the same in your columns and oblige.

Yours truly,

JAMES SCOTT,  
Chairman of Rawdon Temperance Association.

Harold, April 11th, '04.

Minutes of a special meeting of temperance workers of Rawdon township held in the Town Hall at the above place on the above date, on account of the stand the township Council took in dismissing P. A. Lott as special constable; therefore we, (the temperance people) are practically without a man to look after the enforcement of the Local Option By-law in this township.

After a good deal of discussion it was moved by Mr. Wm. McKeljohn, and seconded by Mr. Cyrus Lloyd that the Council be waited upon by a deputation of the temperance workers, composed of the Chairman of each ward and the President of the Temperance Association, and any others who can accompany them, and request the Council to grant one half of the fines imposed or one half of what comes in to the Council treasury to the person laying the charge, be the same a private individual or county constable. Carried.

Moved by Mr. T. J. Thompson, and seconded by Mr. Jno. Morgan, that Mr. Lott be requested to look after the Local Option By-law until the deputation waits on the Council. Carried.

C. W. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

## A Denial.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

DEAR SIR,—I have just learned that a report is being circulated throughout the township of Rawdon that I laid a charge against Mr. Theodore Reid for purchasing some liquor which had been prescribed for his wife, who was very ill at the time. I wish to contradict this statement, and to say that the report of such a charge having been laid is entirely false.

Yours, etc.,

P. A. LOTT.

April 21st, 1904.

Senator Wark, who was 100 years old last February, passed through Montreal on his way to attend his duties in Ottawa on Tuesday last. He was hale and hearty, and not only was well physically, but he still had a young heart; his feelings were young. He is the oldest legislator in the British Empire.

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In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN ALBERT HEAGLE, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, Farmer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chap. 129, Sec. 38, to all creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of John Albert Heagle, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, Farmer, deceased, who died on or about the 18th day of February, A.D. 1904, to send by mail, prepaid, or otherwise deliver to Robert Johnston or Mrs. Emily A. Fair, Minto, Ont., the Executors of the above named deceased, on or before the 30th day of April, 1904, a statement in writing of their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims or demands, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given that after the date above mentioned the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to those claims, notice of which shall have been given as required.

G. G. THIRASHER,  
Solicitor for Administratrix.  
Dated at Stirling, the 28th day of March, A. D. 1904.

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J. EARL HALLIWEEL,  
Solicitor for Executors.  
Dated the 30th day of March, 1904.



It Delights in Looting, and Has  
Kept the Country in Hot  
Water for Years.

There influences, with the failure of the crops, brought about a period of unrest in which the Coreans turned here and there, willing to lay off of anything that would bring relief. This situation the Tongtaks used to their own advantage and brought about the rebellion of 1944.

He wants to find out what the  
ailing malady in Society is to be  
Spring before he commits him-

rich man wears old clothes how  
he can afford to and a poor  
wears fine clothes because h

## What Might Happen if Anything Went Wrong With the Machinery.

Other Wild Beasts Have Various  
Methods and Altitudes for  
Repose.

Fulllove:—"Do you think sister will be down soon, Will?"

"Yes. She said she was coming down as soon as she could, so to have it over."

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There was a man who acquired money because he never told and was perfectly honest. He

## RECEIVED

yourself you see in the mirror," said her friend, choking with  
er.  
the horrified woman who had  
own reflection was obliged to  
ledge that the disagreeable  
was her own.





# A RUSSIAN DISASTER

## Battleship and Destroyer Sunk With Great Loss of Life.

### RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP SUNK.

The most serious disaster to Russian arms since war was declared occurred on Wednesday morning at Port Arthur, when the first-class battleship *Petrovsk* was lost. Vice-Admiral Makarov, commander of the naval forces in the Far East, and practically the entire crew going down with the vessel, says a St. Petersburg despatch. Of 650 officers and men on board, but 58 were rescued, all of them more or less severely wounded. Included in the latter is Grand Duke Cyril and the commander of the warship.

According to the official advice, the disaster was due to the warship accidentally striking a mine. Makarov had gone out with the vessel to the rescue of a cruiser which had been cut off by the Japanese fleet, but finding himself outmaneuvered, returned to the roadstead, in entering which he struck the mine.

A torpedo boat flotilla, supported by Russian cruisers, engaged the Russian cruiser *Albatross* making for Port Arthur from the direction of the Yalu. The Russian cruiser *Aschold* and the *Petrovsk* issued from Port Arthur to assist the *Albatross*. At 4.45 o'clock the Russians made for the shelter of the forts, and the accident occurred. Whether or not a naval battle occurred is not officially stated. Subsequently the Japanese were reinforced by their full fleet, and Port Arthur was bombarded for two hours, but no damage was occasioned.

### SIMULTANEOUS ATTEMPT.

The London Tuesday morning papers repeat, but do not verify, the various rumors of the attempted or impending landing of the Japanese on or near the Liao-Tung Peninsula.

According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris Temps the efforts to land there will be made simultaneously with an attempt to cross the Yalu River.

The Wei-Hai-Wei correspondent of the London Express, referring to the alleged imminent landing north of Port Arthur, says that scores of transports have been seen passing between Japan and the Bay of Corea during the last few days. Each transport fleet was accompanied by a steamer equipped with wireless telegraph instruments, thereby keeping in constant touch with Admiral Togo. The correspondent also says that startling events, equal in importance to those of last week, are to be expected shortly.

### ATTEMPT THAT FAILED.

Further details received at St. Petersburg of the attempted landing by Japanese troops on the shores of Corea Bay between Port Arthur and the Yalu River April 12, which was frustrated by the Russians. A Japanese torpedo boat flotilla scouted the shores of the bay, but was received with such a heavy fire from land batteries at Taku-Shan, Ching-Tai-Tao, Tchanhe and Bedcino, that it retired. Vice-Admiral Togo's flagship then recalled nine transports, which were on the way to land troops. A squadron of ten warships protecting the transports withdrew with them. The Russians have twenty thousand troops concentrated at Taku-Shan.

### TO ATTACK VLADIVOSTOCK.

A telegram received at Rome from Harbin says that a squadron of Japanese warships has appeared in the vicinity of Vladivostok, and the commander is preparing to resist an attack.

### OUTPOSTS IN TOUCH.

An official telegram received at St. Petersburg states that there is no change in the situation on the Yalu River. The Russian outposts are now on the islands of the river, six hundred yards from the Japanese outposts, which are preparing to retire.

Major-General Elug, chief of the military staff at Port Arthur, telegraphs that all statements regarding a siege and fall of Port Arthur are unfounded.

A detachment of Russian troops which left Southern Ussuri has reached Maersham (on the west bank of the Yalu River, 175 miles north of Ping-Yang), without having encountered any of the enemy. The detachment has occupied a mountain pass between Manchuria and Corea, which it is fortifying with mountain batteries.

### TRYING TO LAND.

Rumors were in circulation at St. Petersburg of a fresh engagement on the Yalu River, which has resulted favorably to the Russians, but a despatch received by the general staff to-night says that the situation is unchanged, and that all is quiet on the Yalu.

There is nothing confirmatory of the oft-repeated statement of the landing of Japanese troops in the vicinity of Port Arthur, although the general opinion in military circles there is that the latest bombardment was intended as a mask to cover the landing of a Japanese force.

It is said that the Japanese torpedo flotilla attack on Port Arthur April 13 was intended to cover a landing from nine transports at Shemang-tai-tao, twenty miles south-west of Taku-shan, with a view of cutting off the retreat of the Japanese troops from the Siu-Yun and Kaiping, depriving the railway and preventing troops stationed in Southern Liao-Tung effect-

ing a juncture with the main Russian forces concentrated at Liao-Xung and Mukden. The execution of this operation only failed owing to the fact that all places on the peninsula suitable for the landing of troops are protected by mines, are well fortified and strongly guarded.

### 750 RUSSIANS PERISHED.

It is officially announced at St. Petersburg that 40 officers and 750 men perished in the sinking of the *Petrovsk*.

It is stated that an American engineer arrived on Saturday and started for Port Arthur to direct the operations of three submarines which were forwarded in March on orders from Admiral Makarov.

### PORIEDA BADLY DAMAGED.

The New-Chung correspondent of the London Daily Mail telegraphs that he interviewed an officer who was on a train that passed through Tachikawa, carrying men wounded on the *Petrovsk* to Harbin. He said that during the running action the battleship *Porieda* was badly damaged by a torpedo. There was a large hole made in her bows at the waterline, and three of her compartments filled. The officer claimed that one Japanese torpedo-boat destroyer was sunk. Before the *Petrovsk* went down there were two distinct explosions, the first one being a mine and the second the battleship's magazines.

### FAIL TO BLOW UP BRIDGE.

Two Japanese officers, attired as Tibetan lamas, have been arrested for trying to blow up a railway bridge on the River Loni, in Manchuria. The scene of their attempted exploit was Foulardi, north of Harbin.

### THE JAPANESE EXPLOSIVE.

A despatch to the London Express from Tokio, says that the effectiveness of the Japanese mines was due to the explosive invented by Prof. Shimosa, a Japanese. He claims that it is far more powerful than hydrite, melinite, or any other high explosive.

### ILLNESS AMONG TROOPS.

According to the reports of spies, the Japanese troops in Corea have been ravaged by various diseases. One of these diseases, called "im-bion," is a kind of intermittent typhus. Another called "souda," which has not yet been studied by European doctors, promotes premature death. The patients lose their teeth, become extremely weak, and the nails are twisted back on the fingers. Dysentery is very prevalent among the Russians at Harbin.

### FIGURES ON LONG WAR.

Henry Norman, M.P., who has consistently held a brief for Russia, writes from St. Petersburg to London of the calm confidence of the heads of Russian official life in regard to the final issues of the war. While they recognize the courage and resources of the Japanese, and the fact that the war was begun, a year before their own preparations were complete, they believe that all-round power will insure victory. In regard to money, they point out that the war chest contains 1,600,000,000 roubles, which is twice the gold reserve of the Bank of England. Mr. Norman himself saw ingots of gold.

In regard to the condition of the czar, Mr. Norman, who had a long personal interview with him on Thursday, strongly contradicts the reports of his physical and mental breakdown. He says that he heard from the czar's lips the clearest and most concise statement of the situation. His Majesty spoke with perfect frankness, asking very direct questions and requesting equally frank replies.

### PORT ARTHUR DEMORALIZED.

A despatch to the London Express from Nov-Chung says that the naval disaster on Wednesday has completely demoralized the defenders of Port Arthur. The confidence inspired by Admiral Makarov has entirely evaporated. The gloomiest forebodings are expressed regarding the fate of the stronghold in view of the possibility of Admiral Togo following up his advantage with another attack.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Express says that a Chinese vessel which has just arrived there reports that there is now no trace of the Japanese outside of Port Arthur. Other reports confirm the impression that Admiral Togo has gone to his base to refit, as some of the vessels must have suffered damage.

### LAST BATTLE.

A despatch to the London Standard dated from St. Petersburg says that it is rumored that Admiral Togo's fleet escorted a great number of transports to a point west of the Yalu River. The troops began to disembark without detecting a force of Russian troops, who were concealed on shore. When 12,000 had disembarked the Russians attacked them, and drove them back to their ships, inflicting heavy losses in men and guns.

### ATTACK ON FORT.

The London Times prints a despatch dated "Oil Port Arthur," and sent by wireless telegraph to Wei-Hai-Wei, which says that Japanese torpedo boats attacked Port Arthur early Wednesday morning. The bombardment began at 9.45 o'clock in the morning.

In another despatch the correspondent says: "At 4.30 this morning, in the dawn and amid rain squalls, I saw a squadron of warships in line ahead steering a course similar to our own. As the light increased it proved to be a Japanese squadron of six battleships followed by a first-class cruiser squadron. Six ships were in the line ahead, the third and fourth vessels being the *Kasuga* and *Nissin*, which were making their first appearance in the fleet. The *Mitske* was leading. They were shaping their course for Port Arthur. Forty miles distant from the port the battleships drew out at full speed, and the *Kasuga* and *Nissin* left the cruisers and joined the battleships, the other cruisers remaining behind. The interval between them was maintained by the destroyer division. A despatch boat, as we learned Port Arthur was found two first-class and four second-class cruisers already there. This squadron had covered the torpedo boat attack, which was made in the small hours of the morning. "The battleships now hoisted their fighting flags and steamed in formation, the *Mikasa* leading and the new ships bringing up the rear to within six miles of Port Arthur's frowning promontory.

"At 10.20 the shore batteries opened, but their fire was only desultory, and it seemed as though Admiral Togo was making a demonstration rather than a bombardment. Three times his fighting squadron circled around in front of the enemy's position, drawing a desultory fire, and at noon Admiral Togo withdrew his battleships to the south. It was inspiring to see how the powerful squadron of fighting machines manoeuvred. The battleships went boldly in, while the less protected vessels manoeuvred with them, conforming to their evolutions at a safer distance. Later, although I went closer to Port Arthur than I had ever been before, I saw no sign of any Russian shipping. The shells which fell nearest to us exploded on impact with the water. The Japanese manoeuvring was at eighteen knots an hour. So far as I could see, they suffered no damage. The expenditure of ammunition was small. It was a magnificent force, the most powerful individual fleet, indeed, which ever sailed the Eastern seas. Including the torpedo craft, there were forty Japanese vessels."

### JAPS WIN SKIRMISHES.

Details of the first skirmish on the Yalu River, which occurred last Sunday, arrived at Tokio on Wednesday in the official report of Admiral Hongo. The text of the report follows: "In accordance with my instructions, the captain of the cruiser *Kasuga* directed Lieut. Yamaguchi, with five men, to scout in the mouth of the Yalu. They accomplished their work and safely returned to the *Kasuga* on Monday. "The entered the river in a Korean junk, and at 2 o'clock Sunday discovered a party of Russians leaving the right bank of the river near Togu Turyho. A junk, Lieut. Yamaguchi attacked them, a patrol of mounted Japanese troops on the left bank of the river joining in the attack. In the meantime another large Russian junk joined the first one and opened fire on the Japanese. The Russians retired then, and the Japanese bank. They then fled inland. The exchange of fire lasted one hour and twenty minutes. The enemy had nine killed and two injured. We had no casualties."

### JAPS SENT IN MINES.

It has been learned from Japanese sources at Chefoo that the attack on the Russian Port Arthur fleet was planned and put into effect in the following manner.

"A despatch to the Japanese torpedo boats made a demonstration before the port, and at the same time laid mines across the outer entrance to the harbor. They then retired and joined the main squadron. The squadron then advanced and as it drew near the Russian ships were seen coming out. The battleship *Petrovsk* struck one of the mines laid by a Japanese torpedo boat and was destroyed."

### 28 OFFICERS LOST.

Twenty-eight Russian officers were lost on board of the *Petrovsk*, including Capt. Vasiliev, belonging to the *Petrovsk*, and Admiral Makarov, fourteen members of his staff, including Rear-Admiral Melas, the chief of staff, and Lieut. von Kobe, the aide-de-camp of Grand Duke Cyril. That Verestchagin (the celebrated painter of battle scenes) was among those lost is now officially known.

### THE LOST BATTLESHIP.

The *Petrovsk*, twice previously reported as damaged in Japanese attacks on Port Arthur, was a first-class battleship of 10,960 tons displacement, and 14,213 indicated horsepower. She was 307½ feet long, had 69 feet beam, and her armoured belt was of about 16 inches of steel, with 10 inches of steel armor on her turrets. Her armament consisted of four 12-inch, twelve 6-inch, 21 small guns and six torpedo tubes. Her complement when fully manned was 700 men. She was built in 1893.

## THE WORLD'S MARKETS

### REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

#### Price of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Products at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, April 19.—Wheat—No. 2 white and red winter quoted at 92 to 93c low freight. Spring wheat is nominal at 87c, and goose at 81 to 82c. Manitoba wheat steady, with No. 1 Northern selling at 90c to \$1 at Georgian Bay ports. No. 2 Northern at 95, and No. 3 Northern at 92c. No. 1 hard is nominal at \$1.01. Grinding in transit prices are above those quoted.

Oats—No. 2 white quoted at 51c north and west, and 51½c low freight. No. 1 white quoted at 52c east, and No. 2 at 51½c east. No. 2 mixed at 52c on track, Toronto. Barley—No. 2 offered at 44½c middle freight. No. 3 extra at 43c, and No. 3 at 41c middle freight.

Pens.—The market is unchanged, with No. 2 quoted at 65 to 66c outside, and choice milling lots at 68 to 70c.

Corn—No. 3 American yellow quoted at 54c on track, Toronto. No. 3 mixed at 58c. Canadian corn is nominal at 58½c west for yellow, and 58c for mixed.

Rye—No. 2 quoted at 59 to 60c east and west.

Buckwheat—No. 2 quoted at 50 to 51c middle freight.

Flour—Ninety per cent. patents are unchanged; buyers at \$3.55 middle freight in buyers' sacks for export. Straight rollers of special brands for domestic trade quoted at \$4.20 to \$4.50 in bulk. Manitoba flour unchanged. No. 1 patents, \$5.80. No. 2 patents, \$5.50, and strong bakers' \$5.00 on track, Toronto.

Milled—Bran is steady at \$17 to \$17.50, and shorts at \$18.50, here. At outside points bran is quoted at \$16.50, and shorts at \$17.50. Manitoba bran, in sacks, \$20, and shorts at \$21 here.

#### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Prices steady at \$2 to \$2.50 per bbl. for the best stock.

Dried apples—Prices are steady at 3 to 3½c per lb. Evaporated apples, 6 to 6½c per lb.

Beans—Prime beans are quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.60, and hand-picked at \$1.65 to \$1.70.

Hops—The market is unchanged at 26 to 32c, according to quality.

Honey—The market is quiet at 6 to 7c per lb. Combs quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.75.

Hay—No. 1 timothy quoted at \$9.50 on track here.

Straw—Prices unchanged at \$5.50 on track here.

Maple syrup—The market is quiet at \$1 per Imperial gallon.

Potatoes—Choice cars are quoted at 85 to 90c per bag on track here, and inferior quality at 75c per bag.

Poultry—The market is steady, with limited offerings. Chickens, 12 to 13c per lb.; turkeys are quoted at 15 to 16c per lb. for fresh killed.

#### HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are unchanged, with offerings fair. Car lots quoted at \$3 delivered here. Cured meats are in good demand at unchanged prices.

We quote—Bacon, long clear, 8 to 9c per lb. in case lots. Mess pork, \$3.50 to \$3.75; do. straight rollers, \$3.50. Smoked meats—Hams, 12 to 13c; medium, 12½c; do. heavy, 12c; rolls, 10c; shoulders, 9½c; backs, 13½ to 14c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c.

Lard—Tierces, 7½ to 8c; tubs, 8½c; puns, 8½c; compound, 7½ to 8c.

#### BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, April 18.—There being no sales of oats reported to-day, prices can be quoted nominally at 37 to 38c for No. 2 white, and at 86½ to 87½c for No. 3 per bush ex store; we quote, peas, 72 to 73½c; old May; No. 2 barley, 52c; No. 2 extra barley, 51c; No. 2 oats, 37c; and No. 3 oats, 36c. Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, \$5.40; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5.10; winter wheat patents, \$5.10 to \$5.25; straight rollers, \$5.25 to \$5.40; do. straight rollers, \$5.25; do. straight rollers, \$5.25. Rolled oats, \$2.30 to \$2.35. Rolled oats, \$2.30 to \$2.35 per bag; in cornmeal a fair trade is passing, at \$1.40 to \$1.50 per bag. Feed—Manitoba bran in bags, \$20; shorts, \$21 per ton; Ontario bran in bulk, \$19.50 to \$20; shorts, \$20.50 to \$21; and mouille, \$24 to \$26 per ton. Provision—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, \$18 to \$19; light short cut, \$16 to \$17.50; American short cut, \$17 to \$17.50; American fat backs, \$19.50; compound, 16 to 18c; Canadian hams, \$14 to 16c; rendered, \$8 to 9c; hams, 11 to 13c; bacon, 13½ to 14c; fresh killed abattoir hogs, \$7 to \$7.25; country dressed hogs, \$7; live hogs, \$5 to \$5.12. Eggs—New laid, 15c. Butter—Winter creamery, 19 to 19½c; new made, 20c; full grass farm makes, 23 to 24c; Western dairy, 15 to 15½c; rolls, 15½ to 16c; creamery, 13 to 13½c. Cheese—Ontario, 9½ to 10c; Townships, 9½ to 10c.

#### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Butter, April 19.—Flour—Steady. Wheat—Spring steady; No. 1 Northern, \$1.10; winter, No. 2 red, New York State, \$1.06; do. extra, \$1.08. Strong—No. 2 yellow, 67c; No. 2 corn, 53½c. Oats—Stronger; No. 2 white, 45c; No. 2 mixed, 41½c. Barley—Western, 61 to 62c. Rye—No. 1, on track, offered at 81c.

Minneapolis, April 19.—Wheat—May, 93½c; July 93½c to 94c; September 84½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 90½c; No. 1 Northern, 95½c; No. 2 Northern, 92½c. Flour—First patents \$5.05 to

## LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, April 19.—Deliveries of stock at the city cattle market are fairly heavy. Business on the market is good, though trading was a little slow, especially in the export trade. The general quality of the winter fed cattle is very good, and the market on the whole is steady to firm for the best butchers' cattle.

Export.—The export trade is still slow, with prices only steady around \$4.75 to \$4.80. Though cattle are a little firmer, the conditions are not considered quite good enough to warrant any higher prices in the local market, in view of the present state of the Chicago market. Several of the local firms in fact are still buying largely from Chicago.

Butchers—There are some very fine lots of winter fed cattle coming in for the local butcher trade, and these cattle are fetching fair prices, though the local retail trade is said to be unusually dull at the present time. Choice handy weight butchers' are worth from \$4.25 to \$4.50 in the market to-day. Medium and ordinary butchers' are quoted at from \$3.75 to \$4. Good butchers' at \$3.50.

Stocks and Feeders—There is a good market for all kinds of stock and feeders. Prices have a range from \$3 to \$4.40.

Sheep and Lambs—There was a light run and everything sold quick. Prices are steady for grain-fed yearling lambs, spring lambs, and good veal calves. Bob calves are not wanted and are unsaleable. Heavy ewes are quoted at \$4 to \$4.25, steady; light ewes, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bucks, \$3.25 to \$3.75; grain-fed lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.12; spring lambs, \$2.50 to \$3.50; calves, \$2 to \$10 each and \$3.50 to \$5.50 per cwt.

Hogs—The market is still steady at former quotations. Selects at \$4.75 and heavy at \$4.50.

## PARDON AFTER 26 YEARS.

Fratricide to be Released From Penitentiary.

A Kingston despatch says—John Esterbee, who has served twenty-six years in Kingston Penitentiary for the murder of his brother, is to be pardoned. Esterbee was convicted in 1878 upon circumstantial evidence. He was a young man then, probably twenty years of age. Since then he has lived his life in the penitentiary here and has probably passed out of the memory of nearly all who once were familiar with him. Last autumn while working in the laundry of the prison he was struck in the face by a piece of machinery and his jaw was broken. The injury has disfigured him.

The injury has not been entirely forgotten, however. Some of his friends in western Ontario have several times petitioned the Minister of Justice at Ottawa for his release and the petitions have been favorably received and promises made that the prisoner would some day be released. It seems that Esterbee was given to understand that his pardon would come a year ago at the completion of a quarter of a century's imprisonment. It failed to materialize, however, and in the meantime he sustained his injury. Another promise has come to Esterbee that he will be freed this spring, and he is eagerly awaiting the day when he shall pass through the prison gates.

## BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY.

Larger Amount of Wheat Must be Imported This Year.

A London despatch says: Broomfield's corn trade paper, just published, estimates that as a consequence of the unfavorable summer of 1903 only 3,500,000 quarters of English wheat will reach the mills, making it necessary to import 27,000,000 quarters of foreign and colonial wheat. Ten years ago England took 70 per cent. of her grain from the United States. In 1903 she got about 40 per cent. Argentina and Russia taking her place. Canada sent 3,292,000 quarters, India 2,459,000, and Australia 86,000.

With the eight years ending in 1903 the imports of wheat and flour from countries within the Empire varied between seven per cent. and 24 per cent. of the total import. Broomfield says this illustrates the danger of a preferential tariff.

British imports from all countries in 1903 were 29,960,000 quarters. The corn tax reduced the British export trade in milled flour in 1901 to 467,000 sacks, and the registration tax reduced it in 1903 to 259,000 sacks.

## SEEDING OF FOREST TREES

Forestry Department at Guelph College to Begin Work.

A Guelph despatch says: Further extensions are to be made in the near future to the Ontario Agricultural College here by the addition of a department of forestry. For this purpose a large section of land adjoining the site of the MacDonald Domestic Science Institute has been set apart and seeding will be done shortly. The department will be under the direction of E. J. Zavitz, a graduate of McMaster University, and an undergraduate of Yale College of Forestry. Mr. Zavitz will begin his duties about the first of May.

## "GOD'S WILL BE DONE."

A despatch to the London Daily News from St. Petersburg says that when the czar learned of the loss of the *Petrovsk* he wept freely and said: "God's plans are inscrutable. His will be done." He immediately summoned his private chaplain and joined with him in prayers for the dead.

## TICKS FROM THE WIRE

### HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

### CANADA.

London tax rate is 28 mills. Flood in the Housie River carried away the Government bridge at Osborn, N.W.T.

Forty-seven new post offices were established in Canada on April 1, 27 being in Manitoba and the Territories. Permission has been obtained for a detachment of the 48th Highlanders to visit New York, in uniform and on foot, on May 2nd.

The Trans-Canada Railway Commissioners have awarded contracts for a three-span bridge across the Montreal River and for water tanks.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine suggests that icebreaking vessels be employed on the St. Lawrence between Montreal and Quebec to prevent ice jams and floods.

The Order of Railway Telegraphers will petition Parliament to pass a bill compelling operators to pass an examination before being admitted to the service.

The budget speech of Attorney-General Pugsley in the New Brunswick legislature estimates the receipts for the year at \$978,547, and the expenditure at \$956,967.

In the course of a dance in the Italian quarter of Montreal, on Saturday night, Domingo Camino was stabbed to death. Four of his associates have been arrested.

Dr. Samuel Smiles, author of "Self Help" and other famous books who was born in 1812, died at London on Saturday.

The London Chronicle says that the budget speech will announce an increase in tax on sugar and the reimposition of the corn tax.

### UNITED STATES.

The United States Senate passed the Panama Canal bill.

A new and stringent Chinese exclusion bill has been introduced in the United States House of Representatives.

During a fire at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, on Sunday, one nurse was killed and several patients and nurses badly injured. William Macqueen, an English anarchist, has returned to Paterson, N. J., and will serve a five years' sentence for his share in the riots of 1902.

At Pensacola, Fla., on Saturday, in a riot between police and blue-jackets and some artillery-men, Private Banks of the 7th Company of artillery was instantly killed and four blue-jackets were wounded.

### GENERAL.

It is feared the Newfoundland sealing steamer Kite, with her crew of 120, has been lost.

A new and inexpensive process of preserving meat has been invented by a Berlin professor.

## THE SCOURGE OF CANCER.

Most Prevalent Malady in the United States.

A New York despatch says:—Leading surgeons and physicians of New York on Tuesday confirmed the statement made by Dr. Russell Park of Buffalo, N. Y., in Berlin on Monday night, that cancer is the most prevalent disease in the United States, and that the State of New York is well within the "cancer belt." They declared that the dreadful malady is rapidly increasing over the civilized world, and that they are still utterly in the dark as to its cause or its cure. In the last 24 years, as shown by statistics, it has doubled in prevalence in the United States and is to-day claiming more victims in a comparatively small space of time than any other disease. Dr. Park's knife is the only remedy accepted by the most skillful members of the profession, and that treatment must be applied very early to insure against return of the disease in a more serious form. Several prominent surgeons more than doubled the number of cancer cases in the United States, and made doubly so because of the fact that it may attack any person without warning, and, once developed, physicians are powerless to cope with it understandingly.

## FELL FIFTY FEET TO DEATH

Young Man Lost His Balance While Cleaning Windows.

A Toronto despatch says:—Charles Troughton, an Englishman, who has been employed as a porter by the Rice Lewis Company, was almost instantly killed on Monday morning while falling from a fourth-story window to the pavement on Victoria Street, a distance of about fifty feet. He was cleaning windows at the time, and had tied a rope around his body, but neglected to fasten it to the window sill, and fell, rebounding from a telephone wire in his fall. He was almost immediately removed to the Emergency Hospital, where it was found that his right arm and leg were broken. He died half an hour after the accident.

## FIREMAN KILLED.

Smokestack Fell During Fire in Paper Factory.

A Paris, Ont., despatch says: A disaster here broke out at the Paris Alabaster Works about 12.30 on Thursday afternoon. Despite the efforts of the volunteer brigade, numbering nearly 50 men, the blaze overtook headway, and was not put out until about 3 o'clock. The entire plant was destroyed. One fireman, Hart Hatch, was killed while battling with the flames, and several were seriously injured.



THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1904.

## Great Fire in Toronto.

Nearly all the Wholesale District Destroyed.

Toronto was visited on Tuesday night last by one of the greatest fires that has occurred in the city's history. The fire started about 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening, and a strong gale blowing at the time it was soon beyond control of the firemen, and raged throughout the whole of the night, destroying block after block of the finest business houses in the city. With one or two exceptions all the wholesale dry goods, millinery and other establishments were burned, as well as the large stationery and printing houses of Warwick Bros. & Butler, Ontario Government printers; W. J. Gage & Co., Barber & Ellis, Copp, Clark & Co., Rolph, Smith & Co., and many others. The loss is estimated at from ten to fifteen millions of dollars, which is pretty well covered by insurance.

## The Small Fruit Garden.

The value of fresh fruit as a food is becoming more and more recognized by those interested in the study of health. This is shown by the fact that the quantities consumed are rapidly increasing every year, and yet in many homes fresh fruit is still looked upon more as a special treat than a real article of food. It is now known that almost every variety of our cultivated fruits has a beneficial effect on some organ of the body.

Any family having a small plot of ground, say 40 or 50 feet square, might have an abundance of fruit in season to supply the table, and in many cases enough for the winter canning. The care required would be no more than that required for corn or potatoes, and the work should be more pleasant, and the results in some cases far more profitable.

The same varieties of raspberries are so much superior to the wild ones that it would pay any farmer to cultivate a small patch for his own use, even if plenty of wild ones grew but half a mile from his own door. They are much larger, less seedy, are less troubled with worms and bugs, and no wild berry can compare with the Cuthbert in excellence of flavor. They can also be picked with less than half the trouble. In fact the Shaffer, the large purple variety, can be picked nearly as fast as strawberries. This last variety has a great advantage over the ordinary red varieties, from the fact that it does not sucker. The red raspberry suckers so rapidly that in a couple of years it will cover the entire ground, and of course the best results are obtained when they are kept in hills of from 4 to 8 plants in a hill. With the Shaffer, all that is required is to keep the ground free from weeds, pinch off the tops of young canes to make them grow stocky, and pick abundance of berries in season. When these berries are allowed to stand for 5 or 6 hours stirred in sugar they are excellent for table use only by the strawberry.

Strawberries require a little more care, but will give proportionate results if attended to properly. If kept free from weeds, restricted to narrow rows, and covered with a loose mulch of straw or hay during winter, they will rarely fail to yield an enormous crop of the most delicious fruit that is known. It is doubtful if any variety can excel the Wilson as an all round variety for this locality. The Excelleur is the earliest bearer, but it requires careful restriction to obtain the best results.

## A Goodly Heritage.

Rev. John Pringle, missionary at the Yukon, has, in an address at Toronto, reassured the Canadians upon the moral and material prospects of the great north land. He corrected the impression that rough living is characteristic of the country, since seventy-five per cent. of the people are leading as clean lives as those in the east. The salmon, however, was one of its greatest evils in the country; on Bonanza Creek there were thirty-six within twelve miles. The churches were doing a good work through hospitals, which are an absolute need, being one of the best ways of reaching the miners. He declared that Canadians at large are not possessed of proper regard for the advantages and climate of the Yukon country; even its own people do not appreciate its resources. It is by no means played out; the fishing possibilities were almost as great as those of the minerals. Of its 200,000 square miles but 1,000 have been prospected, and from these \$11,000,000 was produced last year. This would have been \$15,000,000 with an adequate water supply. Mr. Pringle declared the climate of Ontario abominable in comparison with the Yukon's; for ten months of the year the climate up there being the best in the world, absolutely dry, clear and bright. For six years he had escaped a cold, until he reached Vancouver on his way out.

The financial returns of the Dominion for nine months of the current fiscal year up to the end of March show a revenue of \$51,808,587, an increase of \$4,708,826 over last year, and expenditure on consolidated fund amounting to \$32,601,254, an increase of \$968,169. This would indicate a surplus so far of close on nineteen million dollars, but it is only fair to explain that when all outstanding obligations are met the showing will be hardly up to this mark. The surplus, however, will be considerably larger than that of last year, and very much the largest in the history of Canada.

## Fruit Growers Swindled.

Mr. P. J. Carey, of the Fruit Station at Ottawa, who has been attending a series of horticultural meetings in northern Ontario, tells some interesting details about a patent which is allowing a good deal of money from the pockets of Ontario farmers. It might be called the hypodermic tree treatment, and it consists in brief of boring a hole in the trunk of a fruit tree, filling up the hole with a chemical compound, or rather with a chemical mixture, and then plugging the hole to keep the air out. The promoters say that the sap will carry this chemical to the furthest twig, and will render the tree immune against the attacks of fungi or insects. Huge sheaves of testimonials from all over the United States and Canada are shown by the agents, and the endeavor is made to sell the patent right for each township. So far rights for three or four townships have been disposed of at \$200 each, the buyer puts out agents, who persuade the farmers, and treat their trees to the boring at 25 cents a tree.

Mr. Carey says that the scheme was hatched in the United States some years ago and that at that time Prof. T. H. of the United States Bureau of Agriculture, issued a bulletin warning the fruit-growers against it. The chemical mixture which is put in the trees, has been analyzed in Ottawa, and is found to contain charcoal, sulphur and soda, sometimes gunpowder is used. In any event, the mixture could have little effect against the enemies of the tree, even if it could be dissolved "and carried to the furthestmost twig." Sulphur and charcoal, however, are insoluble in water—and in sap—and unless a bottle of carbon-bisulphide were put in the hole with the other things, the chances of reaching the furthest twigs would be very remote.

Mr. Carey said he was convinced that the practice of boring holes half-way through a tree could not be of advantage. Indeed, it would be more likely to cause irreparable injury. While it was possible, and perhaps likely, that some trees had borne better after such abuse, it was undoubtedly in spite of the "plugging," rather than because of it.

Reciprocity with Canada is being made an issue in the Republican State Convention in Massachusetts, by Eugene N. Pess, but as it is opposed by Senator Lodge and the State Committee his chances of success are slim.

The House of Bishops, in session at Kingston, elected Archbishop Bond, of Montreal, as acting Primate of the Church of England in Canada. They will meet again in October, and probably make the election permanent.

The first meeting of the Belleville Cheese Board for 1904 was held on Saturday last. Six factories boarded 280 boxes of white cheese of April make. Mr. Thompson bid 8c, and Mr. Watkins raised the bid one-eighth of a cent securing 50 boxes of West Huntingdon make.

Mr. H. Warner, a citizen of Nanapanee, has purchased about half an acre of land adjacent to the main line of the Grand Trunk, in that town, and has made a present of it to the corporation to be used for park and pleasure grounds purposes, and the town will at once lay it out for the purposes intended.

Things are booming at the Belleville Cement Works and prospects are very bright for a busy season. Several cars of building material have recently arrived, the track being now finished from the works to the main line of the Grand Trunk. Many men are now employed and it is said that all those applying will be put to work.—Belleville Ontario.

The losses from strikes in New York city during 1903 were greater than in any previous year since 1893. The number of workmen involved in the strikes and lockouts was 116,000. Their aggregate loss in time was 3,900,000 work days, and in money \$6,927,172.75. The struggle in the building trades was the greatest industrial dispute in the history of the state, involving 57,037 employees, who lost 1,707,019 days, and in money \$6,754,761.74.

Two special trains on the Grand Trunk Railway have been making some fast time. The first of these was conveying a Montreal physician to Prescott, making the distance—114 miles—in 115 minutes, or practically a mile a minute for the entire trip. In the second case a train of an engine and four coaches, conveying a theatrical company, made a special run from Cornwall Junction to Kingston, in 110 minutes. The distance is 107 miles. This is even better time than made by the first special, considering the number of coaches.

A hard rain packs the ground, the moisture, however, going into the ground that has been loosened, instead of flowing away. Water will evaporate from the ground during warm, dry days, and as the moisture from the surface is lost, that from below rises, by capillary attraction, to take its place. Millions of small tubes are formed, through which the water is drawn upward, and to prevent the loss the tubes should be broken off or sealed at the top. This is done when the surface soil is stirred to the depth of an inch, the dry earth serving as a blanket to keep the moisture in the soil. If a shower comes and again dampens the surface the stirring of the soil should be repeated.

The substitution of oil for coal on steamers and locomotives is being investigated. One experiment is remarkable. The steamer Nebraska voyaged from San Diego, Cal., to New York, a distance of 13,000 miles, in 51 days, using oil for fuel, the time being 11 days less than a coal-burner of the same grade required to make a similar distance. Three stokers did the work of twelve on coal-burning ships, and it was asserted that the fuel consumed was only half the value of that required by coal burners for such a trip. It is said that several foreign mercantile companies have installed the system with success, and that a number of Russian warships are fitted for fuel, which is used both with and without coal. Many Texan and other south-western railroads are now run with oil. The naval department at Washington is looking into the subject, and it is said to be probable that the new war ships will be equipped to burn oil.

## The First Riding Lesson.

The pupil of a good riding master is usually disappointed at not being allowed to do more in the first lesson. He expects to mount the horse at once, start off with a trot and wind up with a canter. He is a little annoyed upon finding that the first lesson consists almost wholly of oral instruction and a great part of it on foot at that. If the master is conscientious he will not permit the anxiety to be off and doing to interfere with a proper understanding of the A B C of the art. Should the beginner apply at one of the big riding academies in New York for instruction the first lesson will begin with the leading by a groom of a horse, bridled and saddled, into the center of the ring. The riding master and the pupil take their stand close by, and the former begins to explain painstakingly the various parts of the saddle and bridle and their purposes. Before anything further is attempted the pupil must be able to answer simple questions in regard to the pommel and the cantle, the curb and the snaffle, and to know the uses of the two bits.

Omur Khayyam's Translator. To FitzGerald, careless, disorderly, unconventional, who had for so long followed his own sweet will, punctilious etiquette and fastidious neatness in attire were above all things hateful. He once said to a friend: "I couldn't be bothered with all those whims—dressing for this and dressing for that. I couldn't put up with it."

He and a friend were dining at a hotel, and among the good things set before them was a noble fruit pie. But they had eaten so heartily of the first course that when it came to the pie's turn they were beaten. FitzGerald looked troubled. "Mrs. So-and-so (the hostess), who knows my partiality for fruit," said he, "will take it as a slight if we leave the pie untouched." So without more ado he cut out a good sized wedge with a fair allowance of fruit and dropped it into his hat, which he covered with his yellow silk handkerchief, and rang the bell for the bill.—Wright's "Life of FitzGerald."

## Health Fads on the Brain.

To get all sorts of health fads on the brain is a disease in itself. It is a very foolish rule to observe, a whole lot of hygienic quirks to adjust to, and a schedule of superstitious sanitary notions diligently followed by day and dreamed of by night, is a malady which begins as a mental derangement and ends in a complete physical fizzle. No room left for a spontaneous life, no place for free, joyous liberty. Not a minute's space for rollicking disregard. Everything fixed, every minute disposed of, introspections without number. Forebodings, misgivings, hovering vaguely about the mind, like flocks of carrion crows. Such a life is not worth living.

## Victoria Was Exclusive.

When Queen Victoria visited any of her subjects it was by no means a matter of course that people staying in the house should have the privilege of sitting down at table with their august fellow visitor. It was her majesty's custom not only to take with her to the house where she designed to "lie" (as the old phrase was) for a night or two her own bed and bedding, carriages, horses and servants (including occasionally her cook), but also to confine herself at meals to the company of her own suit, sometimes inviting her host and hostess to join her at luncheon or dinner.

## The Pickle Fair Ones.

Engagements are entered into far more lightly and broken far more easily than used to be the case, when a betrothal was as serious an affair as marriage. Now it is not unusual for a girl to be engaged once or twice before she is married, and people think none the worse of her. Young girls' ways are beginning to resemble those of nursemaids, who walk out with a man, but not always with a view to matrimony.—Lady Greville in London Graphic.

## New Year's In Japan.

Most of the people you meet on the Japanese New Year's day are carrying a squashed salmon with a piece of paper tied round its waist by a paper string which holds a little gold paper kite. That kite means that the thing is a present and has not to be paid for. Those who are not carrying crushed salmon or holding up the string in giving correct New Year's salutations are playing battledore and shuttlecock.

## Ayer's

Impure blood always shows somewhere. If the skin, then boils, pimples, rashes. If the nerves, then neuritis, nervousness, depression. If the

## Sarsaparilla

stomach, then dyspepsia, biliousness, loss of appetite. Your doctor knows the remedy, used for 60 years.

Restored from the Cuban War, I was a perfect wreck. My blood was bad, and my health was gone. But a few bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla completely cured me.

Small bottle, 25c. All druggists. Large bottle, 50c. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Get the Sarsaparilla by keeping the bowels regular with Ayer's Pills.

News-Argus to Jan. 1, '05, 65c

## Stylish Spring Jackets.

The season's most fashionable styles in Ladies' and Misses' Cloth Jackets such as worn in London, Paris, New York and other fashion centres make a very beautiful showing in our Mantle section. These stylish garments are imported by us direct from the largest mantle makers in the world, in Berlin, Germany, and as usual with the new styles shown here they are becoming very popular. Exclusive styles, excellent values and a large assortment of them to select from is a distinct feature of our collection of New Spring Jackets.

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Friday, April 22, 1904,

at one o'clock, p.m., for the consideration of applications for tavern and shop licenses for the ensuing year.

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G. W. FAULKNER, Inspector for North Hastings.

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dinary type, 10c. per line.  
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**RAILWAY TIME TABLE.**  
Train schedule for Stirling station as follows:  
GOING WEST. Leave Stirling 8:00 a.m.  
Mail & Ex. 8:27 a.m. Accom. 10:05 a.m.  
Accom. 10:43 a.m. Mail & Ex. 8:43 p.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1904.

### LOCAL MATTERS.

New EMPRESS Shoes at Brown's.

We have been handed samples of  
large hen's eggs, from the poultry yard  
of Mr. J. P. Cooney, measuring a little  
over 7 1/2 by 6 inches. Eggs of this size  
should be worth much more than the  
ordinary hen's egg.

Robertson's House Paints are the best in  
Canada. Sold by Henry Warren & Son.

Miss Lillian B. Stickle is home from  
Hamilton. Before leaving the city she  
gave a farewell recital, which was  
largely attended by the best people of  
the city. The Hamilton papers speak  
in the highest terms of Miss Stickle's  
singing, and express great regret at her  
leaving the city. We are pleased to  
learn of her success, and trust it may  
be still greater in the future. Having  
received copies of the Hamilton papers  
at a late hour, we are unable to quote  
the many nice things said about the  
entertainment.

EMPRESS Shoes wear well.

At the annual meeting of the Ep-  
worth League on Monday evening last,  
the following officers were elected for  
the current year:

President—Rev. J. C. Bell.  
1st Vice Pres.—Miss M. Manu.  
2nd — " — N. Phillips.  
3rd — " — Mr. A. Scott.  
4th — " — Miss L. Caldwell.  
Sec. Sec.—Miss H. Martin.  
Cor. Sec.—" — I. Currie.  
Organist — " — J. Wescott.  
Representative to District Executive  
— Miss J. Wescott.

EMPRESS Shoes are good fitters.

One day last week Mr. P. A. Lott  
was authorized by the License Inspec-  
tor, Dr. Faulkner, to search the prem-  
ises of Geo. Wellman and Mr. Bell, of  
Belleville, for liquor. A small quantity  
of whiskey was found at Mr. Well-  
man's, and about fifty cases of ale in  
Mr. Bell's cellar, belonging to Wellman.  
Before Mr. Lott could get authority to  
seize the liquor was all removed to  
Marmora. We are also informed that  
a charge was laid against Mr. Well-  
man by the Inspector, and the case was  
settled by Wellman pleading guilty  
and paying a fine of \$50 and costs.

Robertson's Superior Floor Paints are  
mixed ready for the brush. Sold by Henry  
Warren & Son.

Mr. B. R. Wright met with a rather  
serious accident on Thursday last. He  
was driving towards the station, and  
was standing in his wagon, when a dog  
ran out at the team, causing them to  
spring to one side, and nearly throwing  
Mr. Wright out of the wagon, he hang-  
ing by one leg over the side of the box.  
The horses ran towards the station, and  
seeing they were likely to come in con-  
tact with a freight car, Mr. Wright en-  
deavored to throw himself clear of the  
wagon, but did not succeed, and one  
wheel passed over his body, bruising  
him very severely. He was laid up for  
several days, but we are glad to know  
has now nearly recovered. The team  
ran against a telegraph post with such  
force as to break it, and one horse was  
injured by contact with a barbed wire  
fence.

The entertainment given in the Pres-  
byterian Church on Friday evening  
was not largely attended, but to those  
who were there it was very pleasant,  
and the story well rendered, the sub-  
ject being "Jessica's Prayer." It is a  
very interesting story, and the reading  
of it by Mrs. Herbert Ward was quite  
above the average, the articulation be-  
ing excellent, and delivered with much  
taste and feeling. The story was inter-  
persed with music by the Choir, Miss  
Edith Conley taking a prominent part.  
Such entertainments as the above are  
well fitted for a church entertainment,  
and the writer would strongly recom-  
mend their introduction to any denom-  
ination of church people. The moral of  
the story is very good, and leaves a  
impression not soon forgotten, by young  
people especially. We hope to hear  
Mrs. Ward again. The singing showed  
excellent training for the occasion.—  
Com.

**PASTURE TO LET.**—On Lot 12 and 13  
in the 6th Con. of Rawdon. For particu-  
lars apply to GERMAN BAILEY.

A Bill to amend the Agricultural and  
Arts Act has been introduced in the  
Ontario Legislature by Hon. John  
Dryden, Minister of Agriculture. A  
clause in this Bill provides that the  
townships of McGillivray, Wicklow, Ban-  
gor, Herschel, Montague, Carleton Place,  
Dundas, Dufferin, Mayno, Sabine, Lyell,  
Ayr, Murchison, and Dickson consti-  
tute a district to be known as Hastings  
North. A further clause provides that  
this district shall not receive in any one  
year more than \$450, of which not more  
than \$150 shall be subject to division  
among the township societies. The bill  
has received its second reading, and  
will in all probability become law.  
The directors of the Bancroft Agricul-  
tural Society, which will receive this  
grant, should get together at once and  
arrange for improving the grounds,  
erecting a hall, etc. With a grant of  
at least \$500 we should be able to have  
a full fair here second to none.—Ban-  
croft Times.

Mr. D. M. Stewart, General Manager  
of the Sovereign Bank of Canada was a  
visitor in town during the week. On  
Tuesday he entertained the local staff of  
the bank at dinner in the Stirling House,  
after which the evening was very profit-  
ably spent in a general talk on Banking.  
When we consider how few of the heads  
of large institutions ever become per-  
sonally acquainted with the junior  
members of their staff, the interest  
shown by Mr. Stewart in the business  
education and welfare of his staff ac-  
counts in no small degree for the suc-  
cess and popularity of this Bank, as a  
loyal and zealous staff are the mainstay  
of any public institution.

A surprise party was given to Mrs.  
Sobieskie S. Smith, of Frankford, on the  
15th inst., when her adopted children  
with their wives and husbands and near  
relatives took possession of her residence  
and presented her with a suitable birth-  
day present, with wishes for many more  
birthdays.

### Quitters.

John Wannamaker says: If there is  
one enterprise on earth that a "quitter"  
should leave severely alone it is adver-  
tising. To make a success of adver-  
tising must be prepared to stick to it  
like a barnacle to a boat's bottom. He  
should know before he begins that he  
must spend money—lots of it. Some-  
body should tell him, also, that he can-  
not hope to reap results commensurate  
with his expenditures early in the  
game. Advertising doesn't jerk—it  
pulls. It begins very gently at first,  
but it pulls steadily. It increases day  
by day and year by year, until it ex-  
erts an irresistible power. It is likened  
to a team pulling a heavy load. A  
thousand spasmodic, jerky pulls will  
not budge the load, while one-half the  
power exerted in steady effort will start  
and keep it moving.

### Harold News

From Our Own Correspondent.

Although there is a good run of sap  
there does not seem to be much taffy.  
A large number of the farmers have  
started their spring work.

We are pleased to hear the frogs sing-  
ing again.

Miss Jones, of Marmora, is visiting  
in the neighborhood.

Miss Winnie Gordanier, of Foxboro,  
is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jas. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jeffs, of Har-  
dow, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R.  
Scott.

A number of the young people from  
here attended the Holiness meetings last  
Sunday.

Mr. Earl Bailey spent Sunday at  
Chapman.

Two of our young men joined Spring  
Brook Epworth League last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mason and  
Sherwood, of Eldorado, were visiting  
at Harold last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bailey spent Sun-  
day at Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. John West were visit-  
ing in Madoc on Saturday and Sunday.

(From another Correspondent.)

House cleaning time is here again,  
and we sincerely hope that after the  
consequent excitement has diminished  
Springtime and The Good Old Summer  
Time will have made its appearance in  
earnest.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordanier spent Sunday  
with their daughter, Mrs. J. Bailey.

Some of the farmers have started the  
spring's work, and we hear of a few  
who have started to sow (saw).

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bailey and Mr.  
Earl Bailey spent Sunday at Chapman.

The village was suddenly thrown into  
great excitement last week by the ap-  
pearance of a runaway team belonging  
to Mr. McMaster. They became started  
at Springbrook, and ran through the  
town until they reached Mr. Johnson's,  
where their mad rush was stopped. No  
one was hurt, and the only damage  
done was the breaking of a spoke in one  
of the wheels. We wish to commend  
the bravery and tact of the lady who  
vainly endeavored to stop the team as  
they rushed through, by means of a  
newspaper. Perhaps she thought they  
would stop for the latest war news, but  
we do not wish to comment.

Miss W. Gordanier is the guest of  
Mrs. James Bailey.

A large number of Harold people at-  
tended the services of the Holiness  
Movement at Ivanhoe on Sunday last.  
On account, no doubt, of the dark night  
it seemed to have lost their way until  
they came to the end of a lane and  
found themselves in a farmyard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Mason, of Eldorado,  
spent a few days at Mr. Robert Scott's.

The factory has started once more,  
with Mr. Milton Scott as assistant.

### Chatterton Chips

From Our Correspondent.

The Eclipse cheese factory is now  
run by a joint stock company, with T.  
Irvin as maker, but the directors are  
having all the fun.

D. Faulkner and son finished cutting  
shingles last week. Shingle timber is  
getting scarce in this region.

This should be a good season for car-  
penters in this neighborhood. Jas.  
Farney intends building a barn; W. D.  
Smith intends remodelling his barn; S.  
B. Robin is preparing to rebuild his  
house, which was burned last fall; and  
Jas. A. Bird intends remodelling his  
house.

Lithgow expects his family out from  
Scotland about the middle of May,  
which will make quite an addition to  
the neighborhood. Mr. Redcliffe and  
his bride have settled on the Johnson  
farm, so altogether the outlook is  
brighter than it was a year ago.

The frogs have laid one or two con-  
certs, but winter still lingers in the lap-  
els of spring. We thought after the hard  
winter we would have a good spring;  
but—

Ye editor, and other people of great  
wealth, want to watch out, as burglars  
are about. They broke a lock on Chas.  
Gardner's shop door last Sunday night,  
but were frightened off before getting  
inside.

Get out your sleighs again.

The Grand Trunk has laid off about  
twenty-five firemen at Belleville, and  
put back about twenty engineers to  
fire in connection with their ideas of  
retrenchment.

### Halloway

(From our Correspondent.)

Mrs. Jna. Russell is much better  
since returning from Belleville Hos-  
pital.

Several in this vicinity are suffering  
from gripple.

Mr. Jna. McMullen's little son is ill  
with typhoid fever.

Miss Aletha Wickett has taken a  
position in the store of Mr. Shaw,  
Tweed.

Arrangements are being made for the  
reproduction of the drama "Mr. Bobs,"  
given in Foxboro 8 S. rooms recently,  
to be given in the Orange Lodge rooms  
in the near future.

### Foxboro Notes

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mrs. (Rev.) Duke of Stirling, spent a  
few days last week, renewing old ac-  
quaintances in our midst.

Mr. Fred Simmons, of the Walter  
Baker Co., spent a few days with his  
parents on his return from the west,  
where he has been on a business trip.

Mr. Tom. Holgate is home for a short  
visit. He expects to return in about  
two weeks to Emerson, Man. His  
many friends are glad to see him. He  
is the same old Tom.

Mr. L. B. Faulkner is improving the  
looks of his house by giving it a coat of  
paint.

Mr. S. Badgley is improving the ap-  
pearance of his new home by tearing  
down the old empty buildings, and re-  
erecting the barns.

Mrs. Lorena Ward has been on the  
sick list, but is recovering.

Mr. Thos. Blair is still very low.  
Very little hope is entertained of his  
recovery.

Burglars attempted to get into the  
jewellery shop of Mr. C. A. Gardiner, by  
the back door on Sunday evening. But  
when they opened the door it rang the  
electric bell in the house. Mr. Gardiner  
was quickly on the spot, but the burg-  
lars got off without any plunder.

The Belleville Old Boys Reunion has  
been postponed until next year.

Some of Belleville's citizens talk of  
getting up a big celebration for Dominion  
Day.

The bridge over the Trent river at  
Campbellford has been condemned, and  
a new steel truss bridge will be built.

The Toronto Board of Control has  
passed a resolution unanimously favor-  
ing Port Hope as the outlet of the Trent  
Valley Canal in preference to Trenton.

Dr. Demorest, at one time a practicing  
physician in Stirling, died last week in  
the Infirmary ward in Cobourg jail.  
He was at one time worth some \$80,000  
or \$70,000, but lost it in the Madoc gold  
mines, and other speculations, and for  
the last two years his home was in the  
jail.

An exchange gives the seven ambitions  
of a lifetime thus: (1) to be a railroad  
conductor; (2) to be a professional ball  
player; (3) to be able to whip the school  
principal; (4) to marry the smartest  
girl in the class; (5) to be Premier of  
Canada; (6) to make a decent living;  
(7) to keep out of the poorhouse.

The Tweed News says that during  
the violent electric storm which passed  
over this section on Saturday, the 9th  
inst., the residence of Mr. John Dwyre,  
of Bogart was struck by lightning, and  
considerably damaged, but did not take  
fire. No person was injured, though  
Mrs. Dwyre received a severe shock  
and was stunned for several minutes.

### PERSONALS.

Miss Myrtle Hough is visiting friends in  
Madoc.

Mrs. W. M. Chandler is visiting with  
friends in Paris and Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones (nee Miss Pirie),  
of Toronto, are guests at Mr. W. W. War-  
ren's.

Misses Nellie Hough and Marguerite  
Whitely, accompanied by Mr. Wm. Whitely,  
spent a few days of last week, visiting  
friends in Madoc.

### Auction Sale.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23—On Lot 4, Con. 4,  
Huntingdon, a lot of Household Furniture  
belonging to M. E. Ashley. Sale at 2  
o'clock, p.m. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

### Deaths.

TUESDAY—In Rawdon, on April 8th, Robert  
M., infant son of Clayton Tucker, aged 29 days.

### Stirling Cheese Board.

The Stirling Cheese Board will meet at  
Mr. W. S. Martin's office, on Wednesday,  
May 4th, at 2 o'clock, p.m., for organiza-  
tion, and any other business.

WM. MEIKLEJOHN, Pres.

### FOR SERVICE.

Thoroughbred Ayrshire Bull and Thor-  
oughbred Yorkshire Boar.

For Sale—One Durham Bull, 2 year old.

WM. BROADWORTH,  
Lot 12, Con. 4, Rawdon.

### FOR SALE

The Stirling Foundry; also a road mare  
and two colts, coming from one and two years  
old. All parties indebted to the under-  
signed will please call and settle by cash  
or note without further notice. By doing  
so you will confer a favor, as on account of  
ill health I wish to get my business set-  
tled up.

W. J. GRAHAM.

### Small Fruits.

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Come now when you can save money. You all want these goods. Our values  
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## A CURE FOR INSOMNIA.

A Well Known St. John Merchant Tells How He Was Freed From This Terrible Trouble.

One of the best known men in St. John, N. B., is Mr. G. Kierstead, grocer and general dealer, 641 Main street. Mr. Kierstead has an interesting story to tell of falling health, insomnia, and finally renewed strength, which cannot fail to interest others. He says: "A few years ago I was run down and failing in health, no doubt due to overwork and shattered nerves. I was unable to sleep at night and found no rest in bed. My life seemed a burden to me and I found no pleasure in anything. I sought medical aid and the physicians who attended me were unable to give me any relief. The doctors differed in their opinion as to my ailment. Finding that I was growing worse, and almost crazed through loss of sleep, I concluded to give up business and go to the country for a rest. Just when I was at my worst and had almost no desire to live, my wife urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had lost faith in all medicines, but to please my wife I decided to give the pills a trial. I have had reason to be thankful that I did so. Almost from the outset the pills helped me and I was able to sleep. I continued their use until I felt perfectly well again. I could sleep as I did in my childhood; I grew healthy and strong and have never known one hour's trouble from that source since. I have no hesitation in saying that I believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life, and will always say a good word for them to any who are troubled with sleeplessness."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills work cures like Mr. Kierstead's, after doctors and common medicines fail because they actually make new, rich blood and so strengthen all the organs of the body and brace up the nerves. That is the way they cure indigestion, kidney and liver troubles, nervousness, neuralgia, palpitation of the heart, rheumatism and the special ailments that fill the lives of so many women with misery. The genuine pills always have the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" on the wrapper around every box. If in doubt write direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and the pills will be sent post paid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

## ORIGIN OF SHORTHAND.

Was Used Among the Greeks and the Romans.

The existence of stenography among the Greeks and the Romans is certain. The shorthand that they used was a form of writing in which each word was represented by a special sign. The letters of the alphabet with modifications, connected so as to admit of great rapidity of execution, formed the elements of these characters. They date at least from the first century before Christ.

In the second century A. D. is found the term *steno-graphic* (stenographic character) in the Greek orator, Flavius Philostratus. Origin of Alexandria (185-254 A. D.) noted his sermons down in shorthand, and Socrates, the ecclesiastical historian of the fourth century, says that part of the sermons of St. John Chrysostom was reserved by the same process. In the first century B. C. a discourse of Cato Uticensis, according to Plutarch, was taken down by shorthand reporters.

The development of shorthand was due especially to Marcus Tullius Tiro. Born in Latium in 103 B. C., Tiro was a slave, was brought up with Cicero, who was some years his junior. Freed, he became Cicero's secretary, and in this capacity aided him greatly. In the famous trial of Catiline (63 B. C.) the stenographic rapidity of Tiro was at its height.

## CAME FROM COFFEE.

A Case Where the Taking of Morphine Began With Coffee.

"For 15 years," says a young Ohio woman, "I was a great sufferer from stomach, heart and liver trouble. For the last 10 years the suffering was terrible; it would be impossible to describe it. During the last three years I had convulsions from which the only relief was the use of morphine."

"I had several physicians, nearly all of whom advised me to stop drinking tea and coffee, but as I could take only liquid foods, I felt I could not live without coffee. I continued drinking it until I became almost insane, my mind was affected, while my whole nervous system was in a complete wreck. I suffered day and night from thirst and as water would only make me sick I kept trying different drinks until a friend asked me to try Postum Food Coffee."

"I did so, but it was some time before I was freed by the change, my system was so filled with coffee poison. It was not long, however, before I could eat all kinds of foods and drink all the cold water I wanted and which my system demands. It is now 8 years I have drank nothing but Postum for breakfast and supper and the result has been that I am free of being an invalid with my mind affected. I am now strong, sturdy, happy and healthy."

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## THE BOY GOT IT.

"Say, mister, do you want your bag carried?" asked a boy, running after a man who was hurrying along the street, evidently bound for the railway station. "No, I don't," answered the man a little sharply. "I'll carry it all the way for ten cents," persisted the boy. "I tell you I don't want it carried," said the man, quickening his pace. "Don't you?" asked the boy, breaking into a trot to keep abreast of his victim. "No, I don't," answered the man, glancing fiercely at his small tormentor. "Well, then, mister," said theurchin, with an expression of anxious and innocent inquiry on his round, dirty face: "What are you carrying it for? Why don't you put it down?" He got the bag.

## A GOOD IDEA.

"Say that you will be mine, dear-est Angelina." "I will, upon one condition." "Name it, my adored, and if it were to get you the moon—" "It is easier than that; in brief, simply this: that you will invite me to spend a month in your father's house previous to our marriage."

"Of course, certainly; but why make such a strange request?" "Well, I wish to learn to cook like your mother."

Wife—"What a lot of people stare at my new dress! I presume they wonder if I've been shopping in Paris."

Husband—"More likely they wonder if I've been robbing a bank."

## AN AID TO MOTHERS.

In thousands of cases it has been proved that Baby's Own Tablets is the very best thing for children suffering from colic, constipation, diarrhoea, simple fevers, colds and teething troubles. The Tablets are guaranteed to contain no opiate or harmful drug, and may be given with equal safety to the tender, new born babe, or the well grown child. Mrs. Joel Anderson, Shanley, Ont., is one of the mothers who have proved the value of this medicine and says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets with the very best results. They are easy to give little ones, and I have never known them to fail to benefit."

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As long as the gown isn't too small a woman can build herself up to it.

## For Over Sixty Years

Mrs. Winklow's Sooty Strup has been used by millions of mothers for their children while coughing, whooping, croup, and colds, and is the best remedy for all these troubles. It is sold by druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winklow's Sooty Strup." 25-31

Her Father—"Upon what do you count to support my daughter?" Impudacious Suitor—"Upon your unwillingness to see her starve."

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere

LONDON FIREMEN'S DOGS.

Useful Mascots of the City's Fire Stations.

It is a well-known fact that dogs firemen make pets of frequently display an unusual amount of intelligence. This is probably because a great deal of the compulsory work of the men is utilized in developing any promising feature that may be detected in their pets.

At the present time there is at the chief district station of the Metropolitan fire brigade in Queen's road, a handsome Scotch collie belonging to the men which is evidently endowed with almost human understanding. It occupies a berth in the single men's quarters, and when at night the bells are rung for a fire call the dog rushes from room to room to see that all hands have been awakened.

Sometimes it occurs that one or two of the men are so tired that the clanging of the bells fails to arouse them. It is to such as these that Nellie directs her special attention. With a bark she bounds upon the bed, and having dragged the clothing off, proceeds to dislodge the sleeper. This is done by running her nose beneath the body, and if not then awakened the man will find himself turned completely over on to the floor.

Baron, the famous St. Bernard, which until quite recently, was a favorite of the fire station in Carmelite street, Whitechapel, although not quite so intellectual an animal as Nellie, nevertheless was very intelligent. His principal anxiety seemed to be that nothing should bar the progress of the engine through the streets, and bounding ahead, he would invariably effect the clearance of a passage through before the shouts of the firemen could be heard.

The Wife (bitterly).—"Our married life has been a long series of battles, beginning with our wedding day." The Husband—"Indeed, there was an engagement before that."

## JUST ONE MORE

## DIRECT PROOF

THAT DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURE PROMPTLY AND PERMANENTLY.

All Forms and Stages of Kidney Disease—Now Brunswick Man Tells of Terrible Urinary Complaint Banished Once and for All.

St. Mary's Ferry, York Co., N.B., April 25.—(Special).—Thomas Harrison, a well-known resident of this place adds his testimony to that of the thousands who have proved that Dodd's Kidney Pills cure promptly and permanently any form or stage of Kidney Disease. Mr. Harrison says:

"Some years ago I began to suffer from pain in the back, accompanied by a lethargy impossible to overcome. I was attended by a physician but continued to grow worse, and began to pass bloody urine."

"On the advice of a friend I started using Dodd's Kidney Pills, and by the time I had taken one box I passed a stone which is now in the doctor's possession."

"Three boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me completely, and though it is now years since I was cured I have had no return of my old complaint." Dodd's Kidney Pills cure the Kidneys, and with sound Kidneys you need never fear Urinary complaints.

Friend—"I was surprised that it took the jury ten hours to reach a verdict. The evidence seemed to me quite clear." Ex-Juryman—"We agreed on the verdict at once, but someone commenced a discussion as to the literary merit of the judge's charge."

## Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

Mix—"Where is the most fitting place to whisper words of love to a woman?" Dix (in secret confidence)—"In her ear, of course!"

"My Kidneys are all Wrong!" How shall I insure best results in the shortest time? It stands to reason that a specific of the unquestionable merit of South American Kidney Cure will go directly and quickly to the seat of the trouble than the "pill form" treatment and when it strikes the spot there's healing in an instant.—78

## EASILY ALTERED.

"Frankly, madam," said the honest salesman, "I wouldn't advise you to take that gown."

"Why not?" asked the woman. "It doesn't match your complexion," he explained.

"Oh, well," she replied carelessly, "I can change the complexion." She (during the honeymoon)—"And what would you do, dearest, if I should be torn from you by the cruel hand of death?" He (naturally unromantic, and after a pause, during which he puts in some hard thinking)—"Why bury you?"

WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS, MO.

From April 25th to Dec. 1st, inclusive, the Wabash Railroad will sell round trip tickets to the Great World's Fair, St. Louis, at the lowest one-way first-class fare, good for fifteen days, fare and a third; good for thirty days, good either via Wabash direct line or via Chicago, with stop over privileges. Canadians going to this, the greatest of all Expositions, should remember the great Wabash line is the shortest, quickest and best route. The only line that owns and controls its own rails direct to the World's Fair gates. For time-tables and descriptive World's Fair folder, address any ticket agent, or J. A. Richardson, District Passenger Agent, North-east corner King and Yonge Streets, Toronto.

A man always wants to marry his ideal woman the first time, but the second time he isn't so particular.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia

"Yes, sir," remarked the builder; "every house but one in that street is rented now." "Ah!" said his humorous friend. "That one, I suppose, is last but not leased."

Dear Sirs,—This is to certify that I have been troubled with a lame back for fifteen years.

I have used three bottles of your MINARD'S LINIMENT and am completely cured. It gives me great pleasure to recommend it and you are at liberty to use this in any way to further the use of your valuable medicine.

ROBERT ROSS.

Two Rivers.

Winks—"I had a beard like yours once; but when I realized how it made me look, I had it cut off." Blinks—"And I had a face like yours once, and when I realized that I couldn't have it cut off I raised the beard."

Lover's Y-Y (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other powders, as it is both soap and disinfectant.

Young Wife (sighing).—"I will not be quiet! Before we were married you said I had a charming flow of language." Young Husband—"And so you have, dear. It not only flows but dashes, leaps, bounds, roars, rages, but dashes and leaps, and rages, and there is an occasional water-pot as well."

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## GREAT BRITAIN.

The British Chancellor of the Exchequer said the duty on coal would not be abolished.

Lord Lansdowne says the influence of King Edward and President Loubet contributed powerfully toward the Anglo-French treaty.

By 270 to 61 votes the House of Commons adopted a resolution sanctioning the employment of Indian troops for the protection of the mission to Tibet.

Once in a while a man has so much money that he feels he can really afford to be honest.

## STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUAR COUNTY.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY, Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1899.

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"Ah!" she sighed; "the great men are all dead." "But the beautiful women are not," he answered. Then she looked soulfully up into his eyes and told him she had said it just to be contrary, and not because she thought it for a moment.

## Saves the Dying

Doctors didn't give Mrs. James long to live but Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart cured her.

For fifteen years Mrs. John A. James, of Winton, Ont., was a great sufferer from Heart Disease. For days at a time she was confined to bed, and it seemed as though every breath might be her last. Her physicians said that she might "drop off any minute. With woman's tenacity in suffering, and believing that "while there's life there's hope," she started using Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. Three bottles cured her.

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We will pay these prizes for the best lists of English words made out of the three words:

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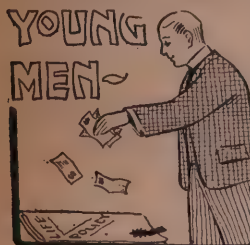
Under the heading of "The Great Mystery," the Belleville Ontario says: "From all appearances there don't appear to be any more prospects of the rolling mills starting now than there were a year ago. The bonus will lapse with age pretty soon by the contract not being fulfilled. The city should cancel the bonus or else take some steps to see what prospects there are, if there be any, of the works starting. Mills in other places are running—why not ours? The company has spent a lot of money in repairs and have a plentiful supply of coal and scrap iron. What is their reason for not starting? This is the season of the year when iron is in great demand for all sorts of building purposes and there should be a market for their wares. Will someone please explain?"

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## THE ANATOMY OF MAN

SOME HIDDEN FEATURES AND OTHERS THAT ARE USELESS.

An Eye That is Now Blind and Gills That Are Closed Up—The Outer Ear and the Toe Nails Are More Ornamental Than Serviceable.

Has any one ever complimented you on the beauty of your upper eye or inquired after your gills? For, though you may not know it, you number these among the disguised features of your body.

In the center of your brain, looking vaguely skyward, lie the atrophied remains of a third eye, which, it is supposed, was actually one of man's useful features at some previous state of development. It is known as the pineal gland, though covered by skin, and is formed in an almost perfect condition in certain lizards.

You have four gills, or bronchial clefts, which, however, are now closed up and useless. You originally had six, but two of them, by forming into your ear and mouth, respectively, turned themselves to some account. However, before your lungs developed and became fitted to carry on your breathing system, the work was done by the four gills which have since childhood ceased to develop and become closed up.

Your ears—that is, the outer ones—are quite useless save as ornaments. You could hear just as well without them. All the work of hearing is done by the middle ear, or tympanum, and the internal ear. The outer feature is purely a pleasant sort of finishing touch to your hearing system. The muscles of the outer ear are powerless and not under our control.

Are you aware that you have a miniature grand piano in your auditory nerve, which is tuned up to every note in music? This is known as Corti's organ and consists of a series of tiny hairs which vibrate on the drum of your ear and enable you to distinguish the differences of sounds.

As sometimes when you strike a note on the piano some ornament in the room will be found to sing with it, so each of these hairs inside your ear vibrates in sympathy with the musical sound corresponding with it.

An appendix is generally a useful thing when applied to books, but man's appendix is not only useless, but very troublesome. This is the remains of an intestine supposed to have formed part of our ancestors. Though many other parts of the body are practically useless, they are supposed to have been useful at some time, but scientists cannot trace that the vermiform appendix was ever of any service to man.

Toe nails are entirely useless, and toes are quite superfluous. A man could get along as well without toes. In fact, a doctor removed eight of a man's toes without any inconvenience being suffered, and the loser got along quite as well without them.

The teeth are rapidly becoming quite useless. Now that nearly all our food is chopped up for us and we do not have to bite through hard substances teeth are gradually decaying.

The fact that the teeth of our ancestors 400 or 500 years ago were infinitely bigger than our own shows that nature is gradually taking away these organs.

Tonsils, too, are almost useless and fulfill no serviceable object to the body. People can get along quite well without them, and a very large proportion of the population have had them removed.

Both the hair and the skin have ended their days of usefulness to the human race. The hair was intended to cover our heads from the heat of the sun. We cover up the hair, and by shutting it off from the exposure which nature intended it to have we are gradually but surely losing this adornment, and it is estimated that in time we shall cease to grow it.

As to the skin, it was given us to protect our bodies from the elements. By covering it up with clothing and preventing it getting proper respiration we deprive ourselves of its use. It is not inconceivable that the man of a very remote future period may be not only hairless and toothless, but skinless as well.

The most extraordinary thing to be noted about all this is that those parts of the body which are useless give us the most trouble, while those in constant activity remain quiescent. The teeth, through lack of work, get lacy, as it were, and decay.

The tonsils, having nothing to do, make your life a misery to you through continually swelling until they are removed. The skin, which is useless to civilized man, has a large variety of diseases to vent on us, largely due to its compressed condition.

The vermiform appendix, which is absolutely useless, has a nice little disease of its own, which it develops with often fatal results, known as appendicitis.

A man can live without his frontal bone. At a recent accident a workman was struck by a crowbar. The only possibility of saving his life was by excising the frontal bone. The result was that the man survived, without serious injury, though he was conscious of some mental defect.

It is quite possible that an artist, writer or musician would find the effect of the removal to deprive him of the particular faculty for producing his work, but otherwise his brain would be unaffected for its ordinary functions.

### The Truth of It.

"So Jaggsy has absconded. Another good man gone wrong."  
"Nonsense! It's merely a bad man who has been found out." This is the phin ledger.

## A DELIBERATE MAN.

He Ate His Full Dinner and Caught the Stage as Well.

Charles Stuart, one time senator from Michigan, was traveling by stage through his own state. The weather was bitterly cold, the snow deep, the roads practically unbroken. The stage was nearly one hour late at the dinner station, everybody was more or less cross and in a hurry and the situation uncomfortable to the last degree.

Sensor Stuart sat down to his dinner with his usual deliberation, notwithstanding the word that was passed around, "Fifteen minutes for refreshments."

When he had finished his first cup of coffee the passengers were leaving the table. By the time the second cup arrived the stage was at the door. "All aboard!" shouted the driver. The senator lingered and called for a third cup of coffee. The crowd laughed and dung back chaff at the deliberate man at the table.

While the household, as was the custom, assembled at the door to see the stage drive away, the senator continued calmly drinking his coffee. Suddenly, just as the stage started, there was a violent pounding on the dining room table, and the landlord hurried in, to find that the senator wanted a dish of rice pudding. When it came he called for a spoon, but there wasn't a spoon to be found.

"That shock headed fellow took 'em; I thought he was a crook!" exclaimed the landlord.

The landlord jumped at the same conclusion.

"Hustle after that stage; bring 'em all back!" he shouted to the sheriff, who was untying his horse from the rail in front of the tavern.

A few minutes later the stage, in charge of the sheriff, swung around in front of the house. The driver was in a fury.

"Search them passengers!" yelled the landlord.

But before the officer could move the senator opened the stage door, stepped inside, then leaned out, touched the sheriff's arm and whispered:

"Tell the landlord he'll find his spoons in the coffee-pot."

## WISDOM OF NOVELISTS.

There is no man so cautious about money as your reformed spendthrift—G. B. Burgin.

Men who stand much upon their dignity have not, as a rule, much else to stand upon.—Saton Merriman.

The virtues of our loved ones we admire. Their failings we would forget. But over their follies we love to linger smiling.—Jerome K. Jerome.

Any fool can get a notion. It needs training to drive a thing through—training and conviction, not rushing after the first fancy.—Rudyard Kipling.

Sometimes a chance remark, which has very little significance for the person who makes it, is like an aperture that lets in light on the whole character.—Sarah Grand.

Superstition, in its essence, is merely a recognition of the truth that in a universe of mysteries and contradictions, like ours, nothing conceivable or inconceivable is impossible.—Henry Harland.

## The Judge's Advantage.

One of the best stories of Judge Parry, a famous English jurist, related to a feeble looking man who was rebuked for supporting a ridiculous claim made by his wife. "I tell you candidly, I don't believe a word of your wife's story," said Judge Parry.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

DEAR SIR—Kindly permit me through your columns to address a few remarks to the temperance workers of the Township of Rawdon, and especially to request, as a favor of your correspondents of the past two weeks that they kindly desist from further controversy at the present time. No good can possibly come out of a discussion where a spirit of personal antagonism prevails, and it is to be regretted in this case, that in presenting the situation to the public, unkind, uncalled for and unwarrantable insinuations had not been kept back. "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city."—Proverbs 16:32. There is no division in the camp of those opposed to us. Therefore if we would succeed we must study to avoid dissension. On our part, there must be no more Grit envying Tory nor Tory vexing Grit, but as in the days of Benjamin against Gibeon, going up against a common foe, "knit together as the heart of one man."

Our cause demands and deserves this. What we want is, the combined forces of Christian home, Christian church and Christian government in stern array against the traffic in strong drink, through which the home is ruined, prosperity undermined, strength of mind and body wasted, early and dishonored graves made, while a deep and dark shadow is cast upon the life beyond. To this traffic the people of Rawdon have said, once and again, "Thou shalt not, and there shall be no more liquor-selling within our borders." Their oft repeated wishes have been disregarded, British law has been ignored, (for the traffic respects no law, human or Divine) until the people are at last demanding the rigorous enforcement of the law. We intend to use all reasonable means within our reach, and shall also from time to time as the case may require, appeal to "the powers that be," for aid in this warfare against evil. Friends of temperance will please join the deputation appointed to wait on the Council on Monday next, May 2nd, in the afternoon. Discussion must have no place in the mind of those who know that their cause is right. Therefore, "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—Gal. 6:9. This reaping time is coming as surely as the rising tide submerges everything that lies in its path. True.

"His weary watching wave on wave, And yet he did not leave us,"  
We build like corals, grave on grave,  
But pave a pathway upward.  
We are beaten back in many a fray,  
But never strength we borrow;  
And where the vanguard rests to-day  
The rear shall camp to-morrow.

Nothing can successfully resist the onward march of genuine moral reform. For every effort made for the betterment of men is but part of the Divine purpose to establish that righteousness, which is destined "to cover the earth as the waters do the deep."  
Then let us see to it that nothing on our part be allowed to retard the work, or stand in the way of the carrying out of the Divine purposes. But with faith in God and faith in our cause, and as far as possible, faith in one another, push on to final victory.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES SCOTT,  
Chairman of Rawdon Temp. Assn.  
Rawdon, April 26th, 1904.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

DEAR SIR.—The mountain (of flesh) has again labored and brought forth—a mouse. Sheridan once told an opponent that "he drew on his imagination for his facts, and on his memory for his wit." So Philip. He has drawn heavily on a disordered imagination, but his memory does not seem to retain well enough on which to make a draft. Of his personal taunts I will take no notice—they are too childish. I shall deal only with the parts of his letter that affects the reputation of others—and his own, if he has any.

The first item I shall deal with is the Morgan letter. He has given this the appearance of proof, and rests his case largely upon it. Does Philip not know that he cannot prove a negative in law? Why did he not get Morgan to make a positive statement of what he (Philip) did say? The reason is plain. What he did say is so near to what he has tried to prove he did not say, that it would simply damn him.

He asks several other men if they heard him make the statement, and they answer no. Suppose this method of dealing with evidence was applied to a murder case. One man sees the deed done and swears to it, but a hundred other men swear they did not see it



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done. According to Philip's method the murderer goes unpunished. Does it begin to dawn on Philip how absurd and untenable his position is? So much for Philip's negations; now against that I will put in the following positive statement:

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.  
In answer to a question why he did not complain against Potts when he complained against Welch and McConnell, Philip A. Lott's answer was, "I am not to blame for it. Mr. Flint is to blame. He said there is a charge against Potts already. We will hold him for witnesses."

Signed, THOS. RUPERT.  
G. H. GREEN.

To the best of my recollection the above statement is correct.

DAVID MUMBY,  
ROBT. LOUGH,  
per WM. BATEMAN.

In the face of this, will Mr. Lott still deny blaming Mr. Flint for allowing Potts to escape? He seems to have anticipated something of the kind, for in his last letter he makes a feeble attempt to shift the blame on the Inspector, although he admits in advance that he should not do so. Who will he try to shoulder his delinquencies in the performance of his duties on next?

Philip grows jubilant over the exonerating vote, but as usual he only tells part of the truth. The statements given below will straighten out the whole matter:

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.  
We and the others who had been charged with violating the liquor act, met in Stirling to talk over the situation. Philip A. Lott was with us. He said he was sorry the thing had gone so far. That it was not his fault. That T. J. Thompson, R. W. Thompson, J. Morgan and G. H. Green gave him their names, and urged the prosecutions. On the strength of this statement we passed the resolution exonerating him from all blame in the matter. On inquiry we found that Mr. Lott's statement was utterly false.

Signed, WM. RODGERS,  
JAMES WHITTON,  
J. R. COOK,  
GEORGE BURKITT.

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I never, at any time, gave Philip A. Lott any names whatsoever, or urged him to prosecute any individuals in particular, for purchasing or drinking liquor. Any conversation I had with him was in a general way to enforce the law.

Signed, THOS. J. THOMPSON.

I did not give a single name in the first list of complaints. All I said was, "Why did you not complain of the other parties who were drinking at the same time." This was after the charges had been laid.

Signed, ROBT. J. THOMPSON.

Will Mr. Lott now claim his right to the exonerating verdict, snatched as it was from the victims of his malicious prosecutions, by gross misrepresentation? In fact it is hard to believe that in most of the cases malice, and not an honest desire to do his duty, was the motive.

Philip makes another very unfortunate reference to a liquor case in which I laid the charge some seven years ago. I laid the charge within a week after the offence was committed, and not at the end of the thirty days, as he insinuates. It is true that one of the witnesses swore to having found a bottle of whiskey, for which Philip says he got fifty cents and his dinner, but it was the defendant's witness who swore to this, not mine. Whether he got fifty cents for it I know not. But as Philip was just as doubtful a friend of temperance then as he is to-day, it may have been he who put up the money, and knows whereof he speaks. In the name of common sense what has this to do with the present case? Only an idiot would attempt to make the connection. In the whole of his long letter he has proved only one thing—and that is his utter inability to discuss this matter intelligently and on its merits. Mr. Lott is also in error when he says I got my authority (as he puts it) from Mr. Rupert.

Now Mr. Editor, so far as Philip's ratings are concerned, I am done with this discussion, now, and for the future. I just want to give him a word of advice as to the vocation in life for which nature has best fitted him. His corporal bulk on a crowbar would be a thousand times more effective prying out stone, than his intellect guiding the pen is in spreading the truth.

P. WELCH.  
P. S. Philip can also quote Scripture. We have an authentic record nearly 1900 years ago, of the devil quoting Scripture.

NOTE BY EDITOR.—We are of the same opinion as Mr. Jas. Scott, that it would be better that this controversy should close. We suppose Mr. Lott may claim the privilege of a reply to Mr. Welch; but if so, let the reply be strictly confined to facts, and leave out all personalities, and let it be as brief as possible.

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There comes a time in the life of all women when they are faced with a crisis, when there are distressing backaches, headaches, dizziness, when even some women are threatened with the loss of their reason; when they suffer because they are women. The happiness of women for the rest of their lives depends upon being safely tidied over this crisis. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have proved a blessing to women at all ages, and are particularly valuable at two critical periods—when girlhood is morning into womanhood, and when women are approaching the turn of life. These pills make the rich, red blood that stimulates all the organs of the body, expels disease and makes the weary sufferer bright, active and strong. Mrs. A. Jones, Cypress River, Minn., says:—"Out of gratefulness I feel that I must let you know the good Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done me. For years I suffered from inflammation of the womb and kindred troubles. Only those who have been similarly afflicted can tell how much I suffered, or how dreary life seemed. I tried many medicines but none of them helped me. Then I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I am grateful now for that advice, for after using about a dozen boxes every symptom of the trouble disappeared and life again seemed worth living. It is now several years since I took the pills, and as there has been no sign of the trouble since, I feel safe in saying the cure is permanent."

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## BORN TO BE PAUPERS.

Whole Family Living in an English Workhouse.

A family with a remarkable experience of workhouse life is at present enjoying the hospitality of the Marylebone Poor Law Guardians, says the Daily Mail.

At the end of July, 1891, the grandfather, Patrick Downs, at that time about 60 years of age, who lived Lisson street west, sought the shelter of the workhouse, to be followed a few months later by his wife, Catherine. He was a day laborer, and for the non-payment of rent was turned out of his home. The couple are still in the workhouse, and there they will doubtless remain.

A daughter, Kate, made a periodic visits to the institutions, taking her discharge when well enough to leave. She is now about 30 years of age. Three of her children, born in the workhouse, are dead, and were buried by the parish. Another, a boy, is now in the Shaftesbury training ship, where he is maintained at the expense of the guardians.

Another daughter, Elizabeth, married a man named Laver, who has been an inmate, but is not now in residence. The wife died in the institution, and her four children are being maintained and educated at the Guardians' schools at Southall. A third daughter, Johanna Cooling, who has no children, is now out of the "house," but she has been an inmate.

Nothing worries some men like the expected troubles that never happen. It doesn't cost very much to think as long as you don't back your conclusions with hard-earned cash.

## HAS A SAY.

The School Principal Talks About Food.

The Principal of a High School in a flourishing California city says: "For 28 years I worked in the school with only short summer vacations. I formed the habit of eating rapidly, masticating poorly which coupled with my sedentary work led to indigestion, liver trouble, lame back and rheumatism."

"Upon consulting physicians some doctored me with drugs, while others prescribed dieting and sometimes I got temporary relief, but other times not. For 12 years I struggled along with this handicap to my work, seldom laid up but often a burden to myself with lameness and rheumatic pains."

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## WARS "TURNED TURTLE"

FIRST BLOOD OFTEN UNLUCKY TO THE VICTOR.

Many Instances in War When the Unexpected Often Happens.

People are disposed to think that an early victory means good luck for the victor. However, if history goes for anything, it is usually unlucky rather than lucky to win the first victory. Wars have an unpleasant habit of "turning turtle," and victory falling to the parties from whom one least expected it, says Pearson's Weekly.

Japan is a living proof of what surprises war can bring. When the China-Japanese War of 1894 broke out, the man in the street thought it was a bad outlook for Japan to be brought into contact with such a huge force as China. Yet, in a very short time, our allies proved how effectively modern ideas can be employed, and China completely succumbed to Japan's onslaught.

Whatever may be the result of her conflict with Russia, therefore, we must always guard against being too sure. War always reveals the unexpected, sometimes the unheard-of.

It was Britain who drew first blood in the Boer War, at the battles of Newcastle and Elandslaagte, and though we won in the long run, those victories were terribly avenged by the Boers in the first few months of war, and when the tables were turned, it was after a long period of disasters.

MOST OF THE WARS of the last century began with victories for the Powers who were ultimately the vanquished. France went to war with Germany in 1870 with a rare whoop of triumph. She talked about marching to Berlin and fighting "to the knife." Her Ministers said everything was ready down to the "last gaiter-button of a private."

The first battle between the two powers resulted in a victory for France, when at Saarbrück the French General, Frossard, drove out the German garrison. A few days later the Boers were terribly changed. The victorious Prussians held victory until they dictated peace in Paris itself.

A war which completely baffled prophecy was the war between Prussia

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and Austria in 1866. Nobody knew the hidden strength of Prussia, and the foresight of her chiefs, Bismarck and Moltke, and people supposed that at any rate, Austria stood a splendid chance of victory. But the Prussian chiefs had a terrible secret up their sleeves, to be revealed to Austria alone.

After a few battles, more or less indecisive, the armies met at Sadowa. Then the Austrians learnt, for the first time, of

THE "NEEDLE GUN."

This fearful novelty, the secret of the Prussian army, was tried with deadly effect. Sixteen thousand killed and wounded Austrians, and twenty-two thousand prisoners, bore witness to Prussia's deadly secret, and the war was finally settled, seven weeks from its commencement, in Prussia's favor.

When war was declared, in 1885, between Serbia and Bulgaria, everybody expected that King Milan's march to Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, would be a pleasant picnic party. He started the invasion in great style, defeating the Bulgarians several times. Then came the awful disillusionment. Alexander of Bulgaria gathered up his forces, and simply drove the Serbians back to their own country and forced them to their knees.

When Greece went to war with Turkey, some seven years ago, many people thought that the Terrible Turk was in for a much-deserved trouncing. We did not, of course, expect that Greece would dictate terms at Constantinople, but few people supposed that Turkey would herself do the dictating.

The war began with a brilliant series of Greek victories. Turkish troops were defeated and driven back, and ships captured. Greece appeared to be going strong. Then, again came the stern decree of Fate. Greece had calculated without her host, and in a very few weeks, the modern Spartans were in full flight southwards.

Another war which turned turtle in a surprising way was the Russo-Turkish fight of 1877. Turkey began with a series of fine fights, defeating the Russians at several places, and capturing several fortresses. Then Russia turned the tables, and won a series of victories. Turkey, however, gave her big enemy many unpleasant moments before she gave in.

To show how dangerous prophecies are, especially in matters of naval war, we might give a glance at the

## IS NO LONGER A DEATH SENTENCE

BRIGHT'S DISEASE AGAIN CURED BY DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Miss Johanna Mayor, Given up by Two Doctors, is Again a Strong Healthy Girl.

Lochiel, Glangerry Co., Ont., May 2.—(Special).—That Bright's Disease has come within the reach of Medical Science and is no longer on the list of incurable diseases is again proved in the case of Miss Johanna Mayor, of this place. In an interview Miss Mayor says:

"I had Bright's Disease in its worst stages and had to give up a profitable position with a correct firm. Two doctors whom I consulted gave me up, telling me I had let the disease go too far. I spent a fortune with doctors besides going to Caledonia Springs each summer, but no good resulted and I began to think I could not endure life much longer."

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fight between Austria and Italy in 1866. As everybody knows, Austria is not a Naval Power, but Italy is credited with quite a high order of strength on the seas. When a fight was foreseen between the two Powers, the wise-heads expected a complete victory for the Italians. Though both they and the Austrians had twenty-three warships, Italy had eleven ironclads against the Austrian seven, and the bulk of the latter forces being wooden ships and considered obsolete. Everybody was, accordingly, amazed, when, after four hours' fighting, the inferior and obsolete Austrians simply routed the Italians at Lissa.

So strange, therefore, are the results of war, that we may be prepared for any result from the present struggle.

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## KOREA'S COOLIE PREMIER

BEST TAX COLLECTOR EMPEROR EVER HAD.

An English War Correspondent Describes an Interview With Him.

"I will bow low when he enters," whispered my Korean companion nervously. "I will humble myself before him."

We were seated in the reception chamber of Yi Yong Ik, the supreme Minister of Korea, the man whose name is cursed in a thousand villages and whose shadow is feared in a thousand homes. Others have risen before in this land who have earned the name of oppressor and extortioner, but he has surpassed them all, writes F. A. Mackenzie in the London Daily Mail.

Twenty years ago he was a coolie, sweeping the yard of a great official. To-day he holds the public purse, he has started national industries, and he has given the Emperor money and himself power. Other ministers have squeezed the people, as they thought to the uttermost farthing, but when the hand of Yi Yong Ik caught them, even the scoundrels found some where to escape. If you can do naught else, you can at least sell your children into slavery when the hand of the tyrant falls.

### KOREAN MINISTER.

The room in which we sat was small. Yi does not waste money on display, and many a ruler of a small province has a grander house than he. The chamber had a polished leather floor, brown paper sliding screens in wooden frames for walls, and a mat at one end and to serve as a seat. There was no other furniture. A soldier or a child would stare through the open door every minute or two. The whole scene was typically Oriental. Then, strange incomes, a telephone, bell rang. A shabby officer, dressed in the next room. "Who's there, who's there?" he called in Korean. "Hullo! What do you want? Why don't you speak up? I can't hear you. Hullo!" At last he jerked the receiver on one side, just as you do in your office when the exchange will not put you right.

Enter Yi Yong Ik, a tall, broad-shouldered, commanding man. You need no second glance at him to see that here is one who can accomplish things. There is none of the softness of the typical Korean in his face, and yet there is nothing revealing the character of cupidity and tyranny universally attributed to him. The cast of the features is Mongolian. One understands after seeing him how the coolie became head of the State. Yi speaks no English, but he speaks English, and he beckoned us to sit down on the mats in the adjoining room. My interpreter humbled his forehead in the dust before him.

Yi did the same to me, and I replied as best I could. Truth to tell, I had real work to stow my legs away in unobtrusive fashion, as the others did. Before our talk was over my violently cramped muscles were aching in a way that hardly interfered with my enjoyment. If you doubt it, try the experiment of sitting on the ground for an hour with your legs tucked under you.

### VIEW ON THE WAR.

The Minister promptly cross-examined me. Did I believe there would be war? When did I think war would come? Why did I think so? What were the Japanese doing? This was courtesy on his part, and courtesy equally demanded that I should disclaim all knowledge of his knowledge, and yet should tell him what I knew. Questions as to my own movements were easier answered.

Then Yi spoke emphatically. "We believe there will be peace," he said. "There will be no war." I gazed at him. Did he not know that but an hour before the Korean wires had been cut at Manchu? Was he not aware that at this moment Japanese transports were stealing up from Tsushima, full of armed men, that Russian transports were filling with soldiers at Port Arthur?

I urged such points on him. "I thank you for your advice," he replied, without moving a muscle. "Advice!" I replied. "Be it far from me to advise. I am but a youth, while you have seen many years. I am as nothing while you are the ruler of many provinces. I dare not advise. I only repeat to your excellency what is on the lips of all men."

"It is well," came the reply. "But what matter these things to us? Let Russia and Japan fight; Korea will take no share in their fight. Our Emperor has issued his declaration of neutrality. By that we will abide. We are very glad that England has recognized our declaration, and we are glad to do all we can for Englishmen."

"You have issued your declaration," I answered. "But what if the armies of Russia and of Japan come? What if their ships land men on your shores? Can you drive them off? What will you do? Will you appeal to the Powers for help?"

### GOOD TAX GATHERER.

"Our soldiers are not strong enough to drive off the Russian or Japanese armies. But there will be no need for us to appeal to the Powers if our neutrality is broken. They will come without being asked, and will protect us."

Here Yi stood. He resorted to his old and well known trick of shutting his eyes to unpleasant facts. "The Emperor must grieve over the trouble in the East?"

"Why should he grieve? It is not our people who are quarrelling. War did come it would not concern us. Our Emperor does not grieve."

After much more talk to the same effect our interview ended, and I slipped on my boots to make my way to my rickshaw, while Yi went along to the palace to his regular meeting with the Emperor at six o'clock.

Twenty years ago, and less, as I have said, Yi was a coolie. Friends of my own can remember him when he was engaged in the most menial offices in the yard of a great Korean. His master liked him, and his appointed tax-gatherer in a small district. Here Yi was in his element. A poor man himself, he knew all the tricks of the poor to avoid taxes. He was unassuming, and raised more money out of the people than anyone had done before. He was soon promoted to a higher place, for he who can squeeze best is a great man in Korea. In his new district he found some gold.

### BECAME FAVORITE.

Accounts differ as to how he found or acquired it. Possibly he lighted on a gold mine in the district this, at all events, is what his friends say and what many believe. He took this gold to the Emperor, who, like all Eastern rulers, was very welcome to all Eastern rulers. Yi became a court man with money. A place was found for him in the Ministry. He was made controller of the Emperor's finances, and then Minister of Finance for the State. He is a strong man, he has many good business qualities, and extortion is by no means the only side of his character.

His methods can be illustrated by one example. There was a Korean at Chemulpo who, probably alone among his fellows, had succeeded in business on a large scale. Yi ordered through him a hundred thousand dollars' worth of rice for the army. In due course the rice was bought, but not delivered, as immediate delivery was not wanted, and the merchant was paid. He signed receipts for the rice, but the rice was not delivered. Yi ordered through him a hundred thousand dollars' worth of rice for the army. In due course the rice was bought, but not delivered, as immediate delivery was not wanted, and the merchant was paid. He signed receipts for the rice, but the rice was not delivered.

Soon afterwards Yi met the merchant in the palace. "When are you going to pay back the hundred thousand dollars you had from the Emperor?" he asked. "We want it at once." The merchant could not understand what Yi meant. "Here," said Yi, "is your acknowledgment. We want the money back now." He produced the merchant's receipts for the money paid for the rice. Every argument was in vain. Yi demanded the money instantly. The British and American Ministers took the matter up, as the man had English and American business connections. To every representation Yi returned the same answer. "We want our hundred thousand dollars back." In the end the merchant had to flee the land, and now does business in Shanghai.

### INCAS' TREASURE FOUND.

Long Search Reveals Great Wealth in Bolivia.

The Bolivian and Peruvian newspapers announce that, after a search extending for centuries, the great buried treasure of the Incas has been discovered in Bolivia.

The treasure, which is valued at \$3,200,000, was found by a party of British and American engineers at Chayaltaya. The natives are in a great state of excitement, for they believe that there is treasure to the value of \$6,000,000 still to be discovered.

The "Buried Treasure of the Incas" has been the theme of romance for generations and the object of numerous expeditions.

The Incas—the Children of the Sun—of that wonderful race of white-complexioned Indians—flourished in Peru from 1180 to 1571, and were the reigning dynasty when Pizarro conquered the country in 1532.

Of the amazing wealth of these Indian kings history leaves no doubt. In the failure of successive treasure hunting expeditions has brought about a pretty general idea that it was very effectively looted by Pizarro's Spanish freebooters.

The palaces and temples of the Incas, and even the gardens of the priests, blazed with gold and precious stones, and between 1532 and 1571, when the last of the Incas was beheaded, not only were the gorgeous temples violated by the Spanish soldiery but even the mummies were dug up and stripped of their priceless jewels and ornaments.

When Pizarro made his first entry into the Valley of Cuzco, and the Peruvian army fled in dismay, leaving the Emperor Atahualpa captive, that inca offered, as his ransom, to fill with gold the building in which he was held prisoner.

Ornaments from temples and palaces were brought and piled down, and the invaders shared among them gold to the value of about four millions sterling.

Meanwhile throughout the empire priests and people were everywhere burying their treasure, to keep it out of the hands of the invaders, and around this circumstance have been woven many wonderful stories of boundless wealth hidden in caves, sunk in river beds and buried deep in the earth. Much of this treasure was found by Francisco Pizarro's men, its estimated value being anything between \$3,500,000 and \$6,000,000. Among the loot were life-size statues of pure gold and many more of silver, gold vases and images, weapons, gold boxes and strange amulets of gold and gemstones.

But the real Eldorado, the ultimate source of the marvelous wealth of which only a hint was given by the gold-decked palaces, which had so aroused the desire of the Spaniards, was never discovered.

Not Suco, the mathematically built capital of the Incas, and Pizarro's half-brother, Gonzalo, certainly failed to find it on the eastern slope of the Andes, where popular belief located it.

Of recent treasure-hunting parties, one organized by an American syndicate, of which Eli Harper was the head, left New York for Lima in 1901, and has not since been heard of. A second had its origin in London in 1902.

"Well, how do you like married life?" inquired a friend. "Not at all!" replied the man who had married money and was suffering for it. "I'm a case of matrimonial dyspepsia." "Matrimonial dyspepsia?" "Yes, I never agree with me; I'm too thin."

## SOME TONGUE PUZZLES

THINGS ARE NOT WHAT THEY JUST SEEM.

Names Harder for Englishmen to Pronounce Than Foreign Ones.

We usually laugh at the foreigner's efforts to master the pronunciation of our mother tongue, but most of us are not without doubt when we come to pronounce certain proper nouns. An number of surnames and geographical names really are many as four letters long, and it is quite impossible to pronounce anyone that his or her way is not the correct one. Some surnames are so maltrreated as to be quite unrecognizable from the spelling. No wonder the average Englishman finds the English dictionary indispensable. Probably the most remarkable quartet are Colquhoun, Marjoribanks, Chalmers, and Bagehot. They look much less impressive when spelled as pronounced—Cohoon, Marshbanks, Chumley and Bajot. Phonetic spelling deprives many names of their dignity, but names like George, which would become simply Gagan, Rutherford would become Riven, and Cockburn Kurn.

Some people are much annoyed if they are not addressed in their own special way. Mr. St. John likes to be called Sinjin, but as a geographical term he does not mind you saying Saint John. Anstruther is doubtful, but often shortens into Anster.

### SOME SCOTCH NAMES.

The "Mac"s also are very susceptible regarding their surnames. If you want to be friends with McLeod and Maclean, call them Maklodd and Maklean, and if you have intentions regarding Mr. Strachan's daughter don't call him Strakan if you value your chance, but Strawn. Following these good intentions you must address Beaudre as Beauclere and Beauvoir as Beevor.

In case you ever move in Ambassadorial circles, or make friends on the Riviera, don't forget the Baron de Longueville is called Longveal. Monsieur St. Cyr will answer you if you say Sanser, and strous would be a good rendering of the name of the eminent composer of waltzes. Markyavelle will be as near as you can get to MacIvelli, but possibly you may be able to avoid this distinguished personage.

A couple of "Saints" are rather puzzling. St. Clair should be rendered Sinclair, and if you would win a smile of approval pronounce St. Leger Selingor, or Sellegor.

### EASY FROM USE.

There is no need to look up Beuchamp; it is merely a playful rendering of the famous maker of pills. Duchesse has such an awe-inspiring appearance it is a pity we must pronounce it Dukarn. Heathcote is shortened in Hethout, and Dillyway has quite an Irish flavor when pronounced Dillon.

Do not be so not so difficult as it looks. Dekane would pass muster, and you may also come across Dekann. Regarding Charters and Sands, you will win approval in high society if you stick to Charters and Sands; and those individuals known as Jervis, Berkeley and Derby like to hear the first "e" turned into "ah." Why, it is difficult to say.

Spare a Welchman's feelings by saying Aberganny, and not Abergany, and, if possible, don't attempt to pronounce Anwlch. If you are English it is beyond you. A fairly successful way is to start with "Am" and leave the rest to luck.

### WELCH ARE PERSERS.

If you are going to Dolgelly for your holidays, ask for a ticket to Dolgelly, and if you are a cyclist, don't inquire the way to Llanethly. The rustic would "bite" at Llanethly, however.

Don't think of some diminutive maiden when you speak of Wemyss; call it Weems, and you may be taken for a Scotsman; and if you are over the border, don't forget that Kirkcubright is pronounced Kurcober.

The celebrated news agency is pronounced Reiter's not Reoter's, and the producer of five-finger exercises for budding musicians—Cerny—is called Cernee. That famous Italian, Boccaccio, was simply known as Bockartch, not half so disturbing as the number of "c's" would suggest.

### AUCTIONS IN CHINA.

To a stranger a Chinese auction is a most curious spectacle. The auctioneer leans over a slightly elevated counter and exhibits his wares. He says nothing, neither does the bidder, who merely steps forward to the auctioneer and runs his fingers up his sleeve, making pressure on the auctioneer's arm, thus indicating how much he will pay for the article. Then another and another repeat the action until the one signifying the highest price receives the article without a word being exchanged on either side. Only the auctioneer and the successful bidder know the price offered and accepted.

### VEGETARIAN V. MEAT-EATER.

The heart of a vegetarian beats on an average fifty-eight to the minute; that of a meat-eater seventy-five. This represents a difference of 24,000 beats in twenty-four hours.

The Parson: "Always speak well of your neighbor." Mrs. Nextdoor: "I do! And yet I assure you she is one of the most detestable creatures on earth."

"Isn't it hard to lose your daughter?" "No, not this one; I could have married her off a year ago. It is her older sister that's hard to lose."

Father: "You've been calling on my daughter rather frequently of late. Are your intentions serious?" Youth: "Yes, very much so. I'm trying to persuade her to buy the make of cycle I am agent for."

## THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

Rigid Etiquette Observed in His Presence.

As kings go, the Emperor of Japan is not rich, but Japan is a country in which money goes far. Therefore he is in no want of funds. He has in Tokyo a huge park of many thousands of acres, about as far from the center of the city as Hainan Island from Charing Cross, and a palace which is rather on the kral system than a single house, a collection of palaces and pleasure houses, partly in western style, partly in native style, says a London paper.

Here, except when in summer he visits one of his sea-palaces, he spends a life of splendid isolation, living his day. It is said, much after English fashion. Rising at seven, he works till nine, when he breakfasts. The morning is devoted to state labors and audiences with ministers. The emperor has bid good-bye to the "dolce far niente" days at Kyoto, when his predecessors existed as shadow nobodies, and those who know say that he is a keen and energetic worker and an exigent master.

With the afternoon comes relaxation, which is invariably taken with in the sacred walls. His majesty is no athlete, but he is said to be an expert in archery, now a pastime, but once a compulsory exercise in Japan. The young princes play tennis, cricket, and other English games; while the park is so many acres square as to afford ample space for drives and rides. The emperor dines late, but, till within recent years, alone. Now-a-days there is often a court dinner-party, just as at Windsor.

But the most rigid etiquette is preserved. Few of his subjects ever approach him, and the park is sacred (says The Caledonian). Some years ago a balloonist was making parachute descents at Tokyo, and he was warned that on no account must he accidentally descend in the palace grounds on pain of infinite penalties. On the rare occasions when the emperor drives out he is accompanied by a courtier, who must sit with eyes bent down and, even when spoken to by the sovereign, must not look in his face.

The sight of the unhappy retainer who lowered head is described as being curious in the extreme, while the Mikado sits bolt upright, and the people in the roadways literally go down on all fours in the dust. So far is the etiquette carried that a distinguished Englishman was asked by a rustic stationmaster to withdraw from the platform while the imperial train went through, the railway officials kneeling on the platform meanwhile. In public processions even the empress walks a few steps behind the Mikado, it no being considered fitting for even her hand to touch his arm.

### AT SHEARING TIME.

Where only a few sheep are to be treated, the methods followed in the east are very satisfactory. Tubs large enough to hold sufficient solution for completely immersing a single animal are provided. The kettles for heating the mixtures are placed in position near the dipping tank. The quantity of dip required for each sheep is estimated from one quart to one gallon. Where a small number of sheep are dipped, much more dip is required, as it is not possible to provide for saving the drip.

Then, too, a much smaller amount is necessary when the sheep are dipped directly after shearing. Unsheared sheep require twice as much solution. It is always advisable to have the dip on hand, so that it can be used on short notice, should it be found necessary.

The dip to be most effective should be administered while quite hot. It should be held at a temperature of from 100 to 110 degrees. A warm dip penetrates the oily matter of a wool much better than when lukewarm or cool, and is much more effective.

Some authorities advise two treatments. The sheep are first dipped in an alkaline solution, which softens the scabs, if there are any, and removes the oily matter from the wool. Then they are immersed in the dip, which reaches the skin rapidly and very effectively. If the sheep are quite scabby, the animal should be held in the solution for at least three or four minutes and the scabby portions of the skin rubbed.

In dipping small numbers of sheep, the animals should be immersed in the tub and forced under at least twice. They can then be lifted out and placed on a draining platform and allowed to remain a short time. The drip finds its way back into the tub. A number of homemade dips are quite satisfactory, but probably the most satisfactory are some of the dips prepared for the purpose. These are much more easily handled, are very effective and in the long run are cheaper than those used at home.

Sheep should be dipped after shearing whether they show any evidence of disease or not. The operation acts as a preventive and experience shows that dipping is beneficial under any circumstances. It cleans the skin and seems to impart a tone and vigor to the animal.

### FORGOT THE CHIMNEY.

A short time ago a public ceremony was to be carried out at Landshut, an important town in Lower Bavaria. A new public school was to be formally opened, and all Landshut, quivered with pleasurable anticipation. Unfortunately the festivities were to be put off at the last moment. The school could not be opened. No scholar could take his seat upon the brand-new forms. The land was in the grip of winter, and the architect had forgotten to provide a single chimney throughout the building.

Licks: "My wife is very methodical. She always gets a place for everything, and everything in its place." Wicks: "So has mine, but I can never find the place."

## SOME CURIOUS BELIEFS

FANTASTIC BELIEFS ABOUT THE MIRROR.

Old Customs and Superstitions About It—Making Them.

Greatly as the modern woman values a mirror for its friendly or faithful reflection of her charms, it is nevertheless a mere piece of furniture in her many, and it is doubtful if there are many whose imaginations are alert to see the mystery of its powers, or the romance that may hover round it. But let her who has inherited her great-grandmother's glass, and sees herself set in its quaint Chippendale or Sheraton frame, just think of all those others—plain or pretty—it used to reflect, and each in turn faded or passed away.

The same face may have questioned it mutely, day after day, year in, year out, the chilling discovery of the first gray hair was perhaps witnessed by it alone, as lines grew faintly distinct around the eyes and lips. It revealed them in a silence that clutched the heart, till at length there came an interval—and then, according to old custom, it was covered up, or carried out of the death chamber.

It is perhaps as well, however, all things considered, that it must be mute; though we can imagine occasions when a looking-glass cumpraphone were helpful in the cause of justice.

### ANCIENT MIRRORS.

In the days of the Pharaohs the daisy beauties on the banks of the Nile used to gaze at themselves in mirrors of polished metal, the Greeks and Romans made theirs of bronze, and similar ones have been found in Anglo-Saxon graves. But these, of course, were mere small objects, to be held in the hand, as looking glasses to hang on the wall were not invented till somewhere about the end of the sixteenth century.

When the mirror was a rare and costly possession, instead of one of the most ordinary articles to be found in a household, no doubt the wonder of it worked freely in the minds of men and women; hence the medley of superstitions and strange beliefs that gathered around it in course of time.

### ITS SUPERSTITIONS.

But folk-lore is full of weird fantastic beliefs about the mirror, and the marvel is they still survive in an age of sixpenny-ha'penny stores, and when even a penny will purchase a looking-glass of sorts. But we all know the dire results of breaking a seven-cent mirror. But to the people, on long years of ill luck. Though, to be sure, in Yorkshire, that fat land of comfort and good cheer, they tell us it means, "seven years' trouble, but no want." And this is well and wisely arranged, for the Yorkshireman, if lacking food, were afflicted indeed. It almost goes without saying that it betokens deeper things to the sensitive Celt, so in the Scotch Highlands and in Ireland it means mortality in the home, most often the master's death.

Five things give us who are as human as to be superstitious still, a keener thrill than to hear of some odd streak of so-called credulity cropping out of the powerful physique and iron nerves that make it an easy thing to play the hero. And so it is delicious to think of Napoleon shivering and shuddering in the midst of one of his Italian campaigns when the great over Josephine's portrait was shattered. It so preyed upon his mind, indeed, that he could not rest until the return of the courier despatched to see if she were safe. Yet, after all, can we affirm that the broken glass was not ominous of the death of love?

### FEARFUL OMENS.

It forebodes ill if we see a new moon for the first time reflected in a mirror, or even through a window pane, and this we are told in most countries in the world. The Swedish young women dare not look in the glass after dark or by candle light, and there is this superstition in Ireland, lest some ghastly face be seen peering over their shoulders. But in Scotland it is done on the eve of St. Agnes there is a chance of seeing the future husband's face. Another very widespread belief is that it is vastly unlucky to show a baby its own reflection lest it die young.

In the south of England a bride may not look in the glass once she has been adorned for the wedding ceremony, but the evil may be averted if a glove is left to be put on after the final glance.

Let her beware also lest her vanity entice her to her mirror on entering her new home a wife, for if she do so misfortune is sure to fall upon the future family. Yet if her husband take her hand, and they gaze in the glass at the same time, the fates will be favorably disposed towards them.

### ARTFUL OLD LADY.

A police-officer tells a story of an old woman he once had to deal with. A batch of bank-notes had been stolen, and the detective found someone who told him that the old woman had hidden them in the top of the notes, at least, in her house.

He proceeded to visit the old woman's house, and, locking the doors on the inside, rummaged the rooms from the top of the house to the cellar.

He was completely baffled, and, though an officer who prided himself on his keen scent in a search, after tearing up some boards and knocking down plaster, by way of making a show of having done something, he confessed he was beaten, and handed back to her the candle the woman had lent him.

"Tell me, mother, where it is and I'll give you off," said the detective. The promise was sufficient. "You've had it in your hands most of the time," she said, "and gave it back to me this morning, for it was wrapped round the candle!"

## SECRETS OF THE SERVICE

DETECTIVES EMPLOYED IN THE GREAT DOCKYARDS.

Every Man, Some Time or Other, Must Undergo the Process of Being Searched.

It is not generally known that the great haval dockyards of this country, where thousands of men are employed in all the various branches of shipbuilding, are always under the keen supervision of detectives—men who are not only skilled in the art of detecting thieves, but who possess business instincts, and are able to weed out the lazy individuals.

It was generally admitted at one time that a goodly percentage of dockyard men were idlers, but the great difficulty which had to be overcome was to find those who fully merited that title. For example, a gang of men working in the double bottom of a huge ship had endless opportunities of idling, and unless any of the gang were inclined to "split," there was little chance of their detection.

The idea of employing detectives was, we believe instituted at Devonport Dockyard for the first time. Attired in white overalls, the regular attire of fitters and other skilled laborers in the dockyards, detectives were scattered all over the establishment. They joined gangs engaged in various work, and to the uninitiated there was no means of detecting the detectives.

As soon as a man was found idling or pilfering he was taken before the officials, and promptly sent about his business.

In nearly all instances as soon as a detective had disclosed his identity he was sent to another establishment. This was not always the case, however, and there is an instance on record where a dockyard detective was "spotted" at Devonport while walking on the quay alongside a battleship. From the ship a large iron bolt was flung at him, narrowly missing his head. Had it struck the officer he would most probably have been killed on the spot. This untoward act prompted the step of transferring a detective as soon as he had brought forward a case.

The fact that nearly all yards employ private detectives has had a very wholesome effect, however, and at no time in the history of naval establishments have idling or petty thefts been so rare as at the present.

It is only fair to state that dockyardmen, as a class, are the cream of the labor market, for in no country is better workmanship shown than in Great Britain, and in no establishment is better work turned out than in his Majesty's dockyards. The system of searching is very thorough, and however it may gall an honest man, he must perforce undergo the process. But to examine every man every day would entail too large a staff and too

### GREAT A WASTE OF TIME.

and therefore each evening every fifth, tenth, or twelfth man, as the case may be, is touched on the shoulder just as he reaches the constables, that being the signal for him to withdraw to the searching-room, where he is examined to see that he carries no dockyard property.

This weeding out is done haphazard, unless the police have an intimation to keep close watch on any particular individual, and the fact that a man never feels sure of "getting through" has the effect of keeping petty larceny down to a minimum.

Nevertheless, some very curious cases have been detected by the means employed, the last case before the magistrates being that of a man who took the trouble to hammer fat and cut in many places yards of brass tubing which he hid in his boots and stockings.

There is another case on record where the sudden stoutness of a certain man having excited suspicion, he was found to have yards of lead piping coiled round his body, and the most remarkable characteristic of the case was that the man, instead of being found wearing gutta-serena underclothes is probably beyond computation.

But perhaps the most ingenious of all was committed by a thief of all was committed by a man who wore many yards of valuable wound wire on the inside of his platinum "turn-down" collar.—London Answers.

### OCCASION FOR A STORY.

A man had a story about a gun which he delivered himself of upon all occasions. At a dinner-party one evening he writhed in his chair for over an hour waiting for a chance to introduce his story, but no opportunity presented itself. Finally he slipped a coin into the hand of a waiter and whispered, "When you leave the room again, run the door."

The waiter slammed the door as directed, and the man sprang to his feet, with the exclamation, "What's that noise—a gun?"

"Oh, no," he returned, "it was only the door."

"Ah, I see. Well, speaking of guns reminds me of a little story."

### BLIND PASSENGERS.

An effort has been made to obtain special conditions and great roads on Belgian railways for the blind, who, it was argued, cannot benefit by the beautiful scenery through which they may pass. The proposal has been rejected by the legislators considering the matter, who see the prayer of the blind followed by no reduction in the railway expenses.

It's a case of minority rule in a house where there's a baby.



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## Scarcity of Dairy Help.

Mr. F. Hodson, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner, talking about dairy prospects in Ontario, says the great difficulty is to secure proper help on dairy farms. Many good men have gone west, and few good dairy hands are arriving from Britain. As a result of this scarcity of help, Mr. Hodson says several dairy farms are practically out of business. He mentions Mr. Andrew Elliott of Galt, who is well known as a most successful exhibitor and prize-winner at Toronto Fair, and Mr. Shearer of Bright, another most successful dairyman, both of whom have sold their stock and gone out of the business because of their inability to secure help. Mr. Hodson says it looked for a time as if the Government dairy farm would have to shut down for the same reason, but fortunately at the last moment some help was secured.

Mr. Hodson expects to receive very shortly from Kennedy's, the famous Scotch makers of dairy appliances, some machinery on trial, which it is said very greatly economizes labor in dairies.

Mr. Hodson thinks it is just possible that the retirement of the cattle commissioners of the St. Louis Exposition and the appointment of new men who know the business may mean that Canadians will yet exhibit at the Exposition.

## To Expend Thirty Millions.

The Montreal Witness says: It will take not ten million dollars to carry out the C. P. R. programme in its entirety, but rather thirty millions. The whole of this sum will not be spent in one year, but before the programme is completed there will be the larger amount spent. There will be ten millions spent upon the North-West terminals, hotels, stations and the like; but with the improvements which are contemplated in the east and west ends of Montreal, at Winnipeg, Vancouver, the building of five hundred miles of new railway in the North-West, the carrying out of the irrigation scheme, and the addition to equipment, the total amount which will be spent in the course of the next two years will be close upon thirty million dollars.

It is probable that the annual militia camps will be held in London, June 7th; in Niagara, June 14th; Kingston, June 21st and 28th.

Twenty-two lady lecturers will speak at 220 meetings throughout the rural part of the Province to urge formation of Women's Institutes.

The King and Queen accompanied by Princess Victoria of Wales, left London on Monday for Ireland. They have received an enthusiastic welcome.

Toronto is making a strong effort to have Port Hope made the outlet of the Trent Valley Canal, and many strong arguments are given in favor of that route.

The Duke of Sutherland, in an interview at Winnipeg, expressed the opinion that within five to ten years Canada could "feed the Empire," thereby meaning the Mother Country.

The judges have fixed the trial of the election petitions in North Perth, Muskoka, Sault Ste. Marie, North Grey, North York, Centre Bruce, North Norfolk and North Renfrew, for September.

The death rate for the Province has seldom been as high as it was in March. This was due to the effect of the long winter on old and enfeebled constitutions, as there was no increase in contagious diseases.

Col. Davidson, president of the Saskatchewan Valley and Manitoba Land Company, who has returned from a tour of the United States, believes that sixty thousand settlers will go to western Canada from that country this year.

The Allan steamship Tunisian, which arrived at Halifax from Liverpool on Saturday last, brought 1,500 passengers, mostly English-speaking people. There were on board 65 children for the Marchmont Home at Belleville, Ont.

The New York financiers who have interested themselves in the reorganization of the Lake Superior Consolidated Company, announce that, as a consequence of the passage of the loan bill by the Ontario Legislature, the "Soo" industries will be re-started at once.

For summer schools for teachers at Toronto, Kingston and Chatham a general grant has been made by the Ontario Legislature. The leading school professors of Queen's have volunteered to aid the board of education by a high class of lectures.

A bill has been passed through the House of Commons at Ottawa granting a charter to the Campbellford, Lake Ontario and Western Railway Company to build between Ivanhoe and Blairton on the C. P. R., southwesterly to Campbellford, and thence to a point on the C. P. R., between Locust Hill and Leaside Junction.

The Minister of Justice has ordered the release of an eight-year-old boy who was sentenced to six days' imprisonment for taking a watch from the pocket of a man. The boy lived with his mother, and cried bitterly all the time he was in jail. The action of the magistrates was severely criticized.

L. M. Chanter, the man to whom tomato is indebted for the luscious tomato, is dead at his home in Jackson, Mich., at the age of 90 years. He was born in Malta, and when he came to America he carried some seeds of what were then known as "love apples," the ancestors of the modern tomato. Of course, all the tomatoes in America did not spring from the seeds Mr. Chanter brought across over three score of years ago. Since then other importations have been made from Malta and elsewhere. But the first tomato raised in America was by Mr. Chanter.

## THE AMERICAN HUSBAND.

A Study of His Traits From an English Point of View.

An American young man does not as a rule look forward to marriage nor prepare for it by saving any considerable portion of his antepatrimonial income. When he marries it is usually on short notice and because he has fallen very desperately in love with some one and cannot find it in his heart to wait until cold caution declares the venture advisable. Even when an engagement is a long one he usually squanders so much on gifts and entertainments for his fiancée that there is only a very moderate amount to begin housekeeping on. Thus before his marriage the young American of the middle class begins to give evidence of what is to be his chief national characteristic as a husband—his unfeeling, unselfish and almost invincible generosity.

The middle class husband in America rarely interferes with the affairs of the household. He hardly knows the cost of staple articles of food. As a rule he does not make his wife a regular allowance either for household or personal expenses, but gives her as much as he can spare, freely, but with a lack of system that is not conducive to the best outlay of their income.

The young American husband is also very indulgent to his wife's fondness for fine clothes. He would far rather have an extravagant wife than a dowdy one, and, although he grumbles occasionally at a millinery bill, in reality he glories in the resplendent appearance of his wife in her fine feathers. The American husband is rare who does not concede his wife's right to expend a much larger sum with her dressmaker than he does with his tailor. Indeed he often leaves his tailor altogether and cheerfully repairs to the ready-made clothing house in order that his wife may have more money for extravagant finery.—London Telegraph.

## CANINE MEMORY.

The Story of a Pet Bull Terrier That Did Not Forget.

A gentleman who is a great traveler and who is always accompanied in his wanderings by a bull terrier, to which he is much attached, arrived one day in the city of Florence. His dog was for some reason entrusted to the care of the porter at the station, and in the excitement of the crowd and under the unusual experience of being separated from his master, who generally kept the animal with him, Bruno was moved to make his escape. The most careful search was made, and before going to his hotel the traveler went to the police station to notify the gendarmes of his loss. It was more than an hour before he reached his hotel. When he got there he spoke of his loss, so that if anything was heard of the dog it would be understood that the animal belonged to him. To his astonishment the porter said: "But your dog is here, sir. He came before you, and we did not know to whom he belonged." "The dog is here?" "How came he here?" "He ran in, sir, about half an hour ago, after snuffing about the office for awhile, he ran upstairs. I gave orders to have him driven out, but the boys have been busy, and he is up there somewhere now." The traveler, of course, went upstairs at once, and there on the mat before the chamber numbered 44 lay Bruno, who sprang up with the most frantic demonstrations of delight at finding his master again. The gentleman remembered that two years previous he had been with the dog at Florence and had stayed at this hotel. He did not remember that he had occupied this particular room, but on reference to the hotel register such was found to be the fact.

## When Trees Go to Sleep.

Trees and plants have their regular times for going to sleep. They need to rest from the work of growing and to repair and oil the machinery of life. Some plants do all their sleeping in the winter while the ground is frozen and the limbs are bare of leaves. In tropical countries where the snow never falls and it is always growing weather the trees repose during the rainy season or during the periods of drought. They always choose the most unfavorable working time for doing their sleep, just as man chooses the night, when he cannot see to work.

## Considerate.

"Ma," said Bobby in a slightly injured tone of voice, "there were lots of things you let me do before the baby came that you don't let me do now."

"Do you think so, Bobby?" "Yes," asserted Bobby. "Still," he went on with more philosophy, "I can't expect you to be so good a mother with two children as you were when you only had one."

## Worth the Money.

"Tommy," said the economical mother to the boy with the loose tooth, "I'll give you 10 cents if you'll let me pull your tooth." The boy thought it over and then went to his bank. "The fun of doing that is worth more'n 10 cents," he said. "I'll give you 15 if you'll let me pull one of yours."

## Sensational Briskness.

"Why can't this bill be rushed through the senate?" "It can, my boy; it can. I'll see that it's presented this session, brought up next session, argued the third session and possibly passed the fourth session."

It is necessary to join the crowd or get out of its way in order not to be trampled to death.

Charity gives itself rich; covetousness hoards itself poor.—German Proverb.

## WELLBORN'S CORNERS.

From Our Correspondent.

Mr. George G. Anderson and bride, of Midland, were here last week on their wedding tour, visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity. Mr. Anderson is a cousin of Mr. W. Anderson of this place.

Mr. Chas. Totton is at home for the present, but will soon return to the university at Toronto.

The people here were very much disappointed that for some unknown reason their Nests-Arks didn't reach them until Monday of this week.

Mr. R. Thain has a young heifer that last week gave birth to a calf that weighed 100 pounds.

While threshing clover seed last week on the premises of Mr. Philip Burgess, a spark from the engine set fire to the roof of the barn, and the falling orders ignited the straw in several places, but owing to the vigorous action of those present the fire was extinguished without doing a great deal of damage, though all said it was a narrow escape.

Mr. Duke preached an instructive sermon on Sabbath morning from the words of Moses, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel"; after which he received three candidates into church membership.

The people here are grumbling a good deal because our blacksmith has left us, he having bought a business in Havelock. However, as this is a good business stand we are hoping that it will not be long before some enterprising, well qualified mechanic will appear and reopen the shop.

Mrs. Chas. Nix is confined to her bed with rheumatism.

Mr. Fred Snarr is intending to build a fine brick mansion this summer.

The farmers in this vicinity are very busy with their spring ploughing, while the housewives, as usual at this season, are working at their house cleaning.

Mrs. Wm. Guilett has gone to Wilmora to visit her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Green.

Mr. Elias McKim received the sad news to-day of the death of her brother.

We are sorry to hear that Miss Emma Morton is quite ill with pneumonia. A football club has been organized here. The following officers were elected:

Honorary Pres.—W. Anderson.  
President—Hugh Morton.  
Vice-Pres.—D. Johnston.  
Captain—A. McDonald.  
Secretary—George Whitton.  
Committee—G. Watson, G. Woodward and A. Hoover.

Fred Matthews to act as constable.

## Madoc Junction Items

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. James Juby, who has been very sick, is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seeley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clarke.

Mr. Stephen Tufts, G. T. R. engineer, Belleville, is spending his holidays under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Fitchett, of Tweed, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. James Juby.

## River Valley

(From Our Correspondent.)

A number of the farmers have commenced their spring work.

Mr. Wm. Robinson, who has been recently ill with quinsy, is slowly improving.

Mr. Teddy Austin, of Belleville, spent a few days at Mr. J. Carr's last week.

Mrs. Jared Hanna, of Foxboro, spent a few days last week visiting friends in this vicinity.

It seems to be more fishermen than fish this season, so the boys say.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bush, of Foxboro, spent Sunday at Mr. Wm. Bush's.

Sunday School was organized on Sunday last, with Mr. J. Smith as Superintendent.

Miss Lena Donohue, who attended the marriage of her cousin, Miss Frances Dunn, of Belleville, has returned home.

## Foxboro Notes

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Penn, of Belleville, spent Sunday with friends in our midst.

The many friends of Mr. Stephen Sprague will be glad that he is around again after his serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bragg returned to their home at Avonmore on Wednesday. They expect to visit at Mrs. Bragg's parents at Sharbot Lake on their way home.

During the long hard winter of frost and deep snow there were six corpses resting in the vault in our cemetery. All have been removed but one, which is to be interred next Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Demorest spent Sunday visiting friends in Murray.

The passenger coach on the I. B. & O. Railway was burned to the trucks at an early hour of Monday morning. The fire caught from the stove. The coach cost \$3,500.—Bancroft Times.

**Ayer's**

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**Poor Health**

Excessive doses of Ayer's Pills each night speedily cure the Sarsaparilla.

## New Dress Fabrics.

No department of our store shows clearer the advantages of direct cash buying than our Dress Goods section. We are showing here the same materials for Suits, Dresses, Skirts, etc. as are being displayed by the most select dress goods departments in London, Paris and New York. Our direct buying makes this a feature with us.

It does more—it ensures lowest prices consistent with values such as are worthy of a place here—values on which we can place our "money refund" guarantee.

Recent arrivals again place our assortment at a point of completeness which makes choosing a pleasure.

We will be pleased to show you the extent of our assortment and our excellent values even though you are not desirous of purchasing. We are confident they will recommend themselves.

—New, French silk, embroidered Voiles, in very pretty shades of cream, fawn, black, navy and ivory, specially adapted for dresses, separate skirts, shirt waist suits, waists, etc., 40 in. wide, the newest thing 75c.

—Just arrived some very pretty, plain, colored Voiles, very rich finish, in light and dark navy, champagne, grey, cream and black. These are very stylish this spring; price per yard 50c.

## Men's Spring Top Coats.

The man who desires to have a stylish, perfect-fitting Rain Coat at a moderate price will find our present showing of these garments to be of interest.

Every coat in our showing is perfect in workmanship, newest in style, and is made from the best materials obtainable at the price. This is the kind of garment every man, young and old, wants and appreciates. Our guarantee to refund money on all unsatisfactory purchases holds good to these garments.

We are showing a very stylish 50-inch Men's Rain Coat, medium weight, guaranteed waterproof, in different shades, suitable for rain or dust coat, in all sizes, at \$10.00. Come in and see it.

## The RITCHIE COMPANY Limited.

BELLEVILLE.

## Abstract Statement

—OF THE—  
RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES  
—OF THE—  
VILLAGE OF STIRLING,  
for the Year ending Dec. 31st, 1903:

RECEIPTS.

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Balance from 1902 | \$ 385.84 |
| Resident Taxes    | 1963.04   |
| Licenses          | 126.67    |
| Fines             | 34.00     |
| Loans             | 1200.00   |
| Miscellaneous     | 9.69      |
| Cemetery          | 41.00     |
| Government Grant  | 103.00    |
| County Grant      | 90.00     |
| Sinking Fund      | 415.20    |
|                   | \$4369.44 |

EXPENDITURES.

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Salaries                     | \$ 178.08 |
| Printing                     | 39.75     |
| Interest                     | 57.48     |
| Law Costs                    | 30.00     |
| Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks | 674.23    |
| Charity                      | 208.50    |
| School Purposes              | 1307.70   |
| Debentures                   | 500.00    |
| Fire Protection              | 12.00     |
| County Rates                 | 325.50    |
| Loans Current                | 1600.00   |
| Street Lighting              | 329.93    |
| Miscellaneous                | 123.86    |
| Election Expenses            | 11.00     |
| Registration                 | 7.80      |
| Government Grant             | 103.00    |
|                              | \$5508.23 |

This is to certify that the above written is a correct abstract statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Village of Stirling, for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1903.

J. D. BISSONNETTE, Auditors.  
G. E. CRYER,  
Stirling, Feb. 11th, 1904.

## ASSETS &amp; LIABILITIES

—OF THE—

Village of Stirling,

on December 31st, 1903.

ASSETS.

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Cemetery Lots           | \$200.00   |
| Town Hall               | 500.00     |
| Engine House            | 150.00     |
| High and Public Schools | 900.00     |
| Miscellaneous           | 50.00      |
| Gravel Pits             | 500.00     |
| Fire Engine             | 4169.70    |
| Uncollected Taxes       | 1689.70    |
|                         | \$16389.70 |

LIABILITIES.

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Overdraft at Sovereign Bank | \$1139.79 |
| Notes at Sovereign Bank     | 717.27    |
| Balance of County Rate      | 518.00    |
| High School Debentures      | 2500.00   |
| Cement Walk Debentures      | 504.00    |
| Due Schools                 | \$2192.80 |
| Less Sidney & Rawdon        | 589.02    |
|                             | 1662.28   |
|                             | \$7041.84 |

This is to certify that the above written is a correct statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Village of Stirling, on Dec. 31st, 1903.

J. D. BISSONNETTE, Auditors.  
G. E. CRYER,  
Stirling, Feb. 11th, 1904.

The school trustees of Bancroft have rented the old Methodist church for a schoolroom, and are advertising for another teacher. The population is increasing.

The post-office at L'Amable Station is to be given a new name, and will likely be called Delor, after the popular gentleman of that name at Bancroft—Bancroft Reporter.

The warrant under which John Gagnan was apprehended and placed in jail at Bedford for six months, during the reign of Charles II. was sold at auction in London on Saturday for \$1.625.

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We will send THE WEEKLY SUN from now to 1st January, 1905, in combination with

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We send Painters anywhere within 100 miles of Belleville, prices moderate, workmen the best.

You likely know as much about our Wall Papers as we can tell you here. If you don't you should learn more about them at once.

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**FRANK ZWICK, M.B.**  
GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF Toronto Medical College. Licentiate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario. Office and Residence—Dr. Boulter's former residence, Stirling.

**G. G. THRAHER,**  
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A thesaurus column will be charged as follows: To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines at 10c. per line; over three lines, 7c. per line. Matter set in larger than the ordinary type, 10c. per line. To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

**RAILWAY TIME TABLE.**  
Train to Stirling Station as follows:—  
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.  
Mail & Ex. 6:27 a.m. Accom. 10:35 a.m.  
Accom. 6:43 p.m. Mail & Ex. 8:43 p.m.

### The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1904.

### LOCAL MATTERS.

The cheese factories in the northern part of the county will commence operations the first week in May.

Mr. W. S. Martin has been appointed a Commissioner for taking affidavits in the High Court of Justice for Ontario.

Mrs. Mary Bygott, who has been visiting the past few weeks at Mr. Wm. Montgomery's, returned to her son's in Millbrook, on Monday.

The Stirling Cheese Board will meet for organization for the season at Mr. W. S. Martin's office on Wednesday next, May 4th.

ROBERTSON'S Paints are the best. Sold by Henry Warren & Son.

At the Belleville Cheese Board on Saturday 450 white and 35 colored cheese were offered. No sales were made, as only 7c. was offered.

The Anniversary Services in connection with Stirling Lodge No. 239, I. O. O. F., will be held in the Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, May 8th, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

We will go any place within 20 miles of Stirling and do your Papering, Decorating or Painting—up-to-date, at low prices.—PARKER'S, Wall Papers, etc.

Glen Ross post office has been closed, the late postmaster, Mr. G. T. Iveson, having gone to the Northwest. Most of those who formerly got their mail matter at Glen Ross will now receive their mail at Stirling.

Mr. Jerome Conley suffered from a paralytic stroke on Sunday morning last, his whole left side becoming paralyzed. We are pleased to learn that he is now somewhat improved, and it is hoped may soon recover.

The only Mixed Paint guaranteed, made from Brandman's English lead, is ANCHOR BRAND, at Parker's Drug Store.

At a Vestry Meeting held in St. John's Church on Monday evening, suitable terms were arranged for an exchange of the present parsonage for the brick house opposite the Church, belonging to the Halliwell estate.

Announcement is made of a "History of Canada and the Canadian People," by J. S. Carstairs, B.A., and A. C. Casselman, of Toronto. The work will be illustrated by numerous and carefully chosen portraits, maps, and plans. The book will be published by the Copp, Clark Co., and will be ready in August next.

Wall Papers, Roller Blinds, Paints and Oil—for these lines we offer specially low prices.—Parker's Drug Store.

Stirling Lodge No. 239, I. O. O. F., has greatly improved the appearance of their lodge room in the Conley block, by having the walls and ceiling nicely kalsomined, and new curtains hung at all the windows. The lodge room now presents a very handsome appearance, and we believe is now the best in the district.

We are pleased to notice in the results of the recent examinations of Queen's University, Miss Helen Mackintosh of Madoc, daughter of our Inspector of Public Schools, took first class honors in French and German. Miss Mackintosh is taking the honor course in Moderns, with the M. A. degree of Queen's in view.

Roller Blinds, oil colors, all shades, for one week only, 25c., new goods.—Parker's Drug and Book Store.

A telegram was received on Monday morning last announcing the death at Niagara Falls, on Sunday, of Daniel Smith, a brother of Mr. George Smith, of this village. He had been ill for a long time with consumption. He was a member of Stirling Lodge No. 239, I. O. O. F. He was buried at Niagara Falls on Tuesday, the funeral being conducted by the Oddfellows of that place.

Hon. Mr. Sifton has had issued a comprehensive "Geography of the Dominion of Canada," containing a vast amount of valuable information about the country and its opportunities. The book will be circulated by the Immigration Department and will do much to educate the old country people to a knowledge and appreciation of the great advantages Canada offers as a field for settlement.

See the special values in Wall Papers at Parker's Wall Paper Rooms.

Prof. Jas. Elliot, B.A., of the Methodist College in Montreal, took the degree of Ph. D., by examination in Queen's University. This is the first Ph. D. degree that Queen's has given. Mr. Elliot is a brilliant student in Philosophy, and he took his work under Prof. Watson of Queen's. Eighty-six degrees were granted yesterday at Convocation, Queen's. Twenty-two ladies took degrees of M. A. and B. A.

Bishop Mills has made the following arrangements for visits:—  
Monday, May 23rd, Rawdon, 10:30 a.m.; 12th Line, 3 p.m.; 8th Line, 7:30 p.m.; St. Lawrence.  
Tuesday, May 24th, 11 a.m., Stirling; 3 p.m., Frankford.

At the meeting of the License Commissioners for North Hastings held at Spring Brook on Friday last, it was decided to cut off all the shop licenses in the district, five in all. This was in accordance with notice given last year that such action would be taken. Strong representations had been made to the Commissioners from all places where shop licenses had been issued, against the granting of these licenses, and memorials had also been sent to Hon. J. R. Stratton, Toronto, under whose charge is the License department of the Province. As a result the hands of the Commissioners were strengthened by the receipt of a telegram from Hon. Mr. Stratton on Friday morning, stating that "there ought not to be any shop licenses granted in North Hastings." The licenses thus cut off are situated in Stirling, Madoc, Marmora, Bancroft, and Maynooth. Rev. J. J. McInerney, Roman Catholic priest at Maynooth, took an active part against the issuing of a shop license at that place, and sent a strong memorial to the board of license commissioners on the subject.

Mr. James Wilmot Gordon, barrister of Brighton, has been appointed Provincial Inspector of Licenses, to succeed the late Mr. J. K. Stewart. Mr. Gordon's appointment is regarded by those who favor the full enforcement of the license law as a wise selection. He has always been well known as an earnest advocate of the temperance cause, and has been a prominent member of the Methodist Church at Brighton, where he has practised his profession for nearly twenty years. The salary is \$2,000 a year.

Mr. John Miller, Deputy Minister of Education, is not in favor of children being burdened with studies at home. Recently he said: "I am quite in sympathy with the proposal, so far as it applies to young children, but I believe the most pressing need is the abolition, almost entirely, of home work. It is hardly the thing that when children are kept busy the five hours a day, they should be taxed with lessons at night. The effect is to make school life unhappy instead of cheerful. Five hours a day at school should be quite sufficient for any child under twelve years."

The County Superintendent of Roads and Bridges, Mr. H. G. Bleeker, states that the damage done by floods and high water has been too highly estimated. The road at Ross' Corners, which was two feet under water, is now in splendid shape. Fairfield's bridge will require some repairs on the side, but the Frankford bridge is in splendid shape, and is in fact better than ever. O'Brien's bridge is, of course, a wreck, but much of the structural iron can be used again. Mr. Bleeker reports the roads in very good shape after the winter. He unloaded a new stone crusher to-day, which will be put to work at Canifton for a starter.—Ontario.

### Oddfellowship.

Stirling Encampment No. 80 met at their Hall in the Conley Block, on the evening of the 19th inst. to receive the G. P. of Ontario, Mr. Cooper, and at the opening found P. C. P. Sine in the Chair. After the usual ceremonies of the Encampment and all business transacted, G. P. Cooper and G. H. P. Garbutt entered the hall with their delegation from Belleville and other Encampments, and after the ordinary reception of the G. P. and G. H. P. with other Ps, all settled down to hear the address of G. P. Cooper and G. H. P. Garbutt.

It would be well to state here that the addresses were well received, and that of the G. P. was of the highest order, instructive and energetic, coupled with eloquence and inspiration, always enlivening the Order in every particular, and reminding its Brethren of the Supreme Being and their duty to Him. Selfishness should in itself be something of the past; but there should be the fullest fellowship among themselves, and those left by their Brethren; and also recommended all to follow in true form all different departments of Oddfellowship, and recommending watchfulness and progression as their duty. The address of the G. H. P. was earnest, beautiful in form and full of instruction.

A kindly reference was frequently made to our late Brother Scott, with the most eulogistic form and meaning. After a very hearty vote of thanks to the Grand Officer by P. Thraher, the Encampment chairs were surrendered to the S. V. F. of O. O. of H. After all stages of the latter were gone through and 20 initiations, all participants repaired to Moon's Hotel, where a most tasty supper was spread, which spoke volumes to the caterer, and enjoyed by all.

Stirling Encampment No. 80 will meet on Friday evening, April 29.—Com

### Independent Order of Foresters.

As will be seen by advertisement in another column the final arrangements have been made for the great joint initiation Convention to be held at Belleville on the 5th May next, when it is expected that at least 1000 new members will be added to the Order.

It is needless to say that the occasion will be of great interest, not only to Foresters, but to the general public as well.

The Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oranhyatekha, the great Head of the Order, will be present and take part in the proceedings, as well as the prominent members of the Executive. It will be worth going a long distance to hear the Supreme Chief and to see the very interesting ceremony of initiation as performed by the Companion Guard of Honor, as well as hear the magnificent programme provided for the evening by the energetic committee having the matter in charge. Another great attraction will be the

uniformed encampment from headquarters with their magnificent Trumpet Band.

Convention rates (one fare) have been secured on all railways and boats, but to obtain the benefit of it a certificate must be obtained from the office where the ticket is issued, and which requires to be marked by the Committee at Belleville to enable a return ticket to be obtained without charge.

The Committee Rooms adjoining the Bank of Commerce will be open all day, where the certificates can be marked and badges obtained for admission to the Opera House.

The occasion should take every Forester in the district to Belleville that day. A most interesting ceremony will be missed by those who do not go.

### Owners of C. O. R. Bonds.

A case of great interest has been decided by Mr. Justice Street in a judgment delivered Friday last respecting the sale of \$30,000 of bonds of the Central Ontario Railway by the Bank of Ottawa to Messrs. Thomas G. Blackstock, Toronto, and Robert Weddell, Trenton. The litigation has been long pending. Mr. S. J. Ritchie made a claim that the sale of bonds was invalid, and the Master at Belleville so decided. The purchasers appealed the case, and Mr. Justice Street held that the sale to Messrs. Blackstock and Weddell was valid. The case is important as practically determining the possession of the majority of the bonds.—Globe.

### A Queer Offer.

A Central Ontario man has written Queen's medical faculty offering to mortgage his body for anatomical purposes. He says he is in need of money, that he is no freak, and that he is ready to come to Kingston to be examined and to sign a document of transfer when he is dead. The faculty was asked to submit an offer. The communication has been filed.

The Orangemen will hold a big celebration at Campbellford on the 12th of July.

The Bancroft Times says: Rev. R. O. Blagrove, B. A., has resigned Canon Hill, and has been appointed to Rawdon. Resignation to take effect June 1st.

Mrs. Harmon Knox, 50 years of age, a widow, committed suicide Monday morning at her home in the second concession of Sidney, three miles west of Trenton. She was apparently in her usual good health, and while others of the family went out to milk and attend to the chores, she secured the hired man's razor, and going into the back of the house cut her throat. She left no children.

### Great Attraction in Belleville.

The greatest musical attraction that has ever visited Belleville is announced for Tuesday, May 3rd, when the great opera, "The Country Girl," with its cast of 20 principals and a chorus of 50, will be produced. This is Augustin Daly's great success, and will be produced in Belleville equally the same as in New York and London. Special seats have been reserved for those wishing to attend from a distance. Prices 50c. to \$1.50.

### Auction Sale.

SATURDAY, MAY 7th.—At the residence of Mrs. L. Root, Mill St., Stirling, a house, household furniture, etc., etc. Sale at 2 o'clock, p.m. Wm. Rodgers, Auct.

### Married.

CHASE-HARRISON at Stirling, on Wednesday April 27th, by the Rev. J. H. Coleman, M.A., Stephen Benjamin Chase to Mary Jane Harrison, both of Frankford.

### COAL! COAL!

Parties wishing to secure their coal for next winter will please call and leave their orders as early as possible. Several car loads now ready to deliver. Price \$7.00 per ton, payable 15th September.

T. H. McKEE.

### NOTICE.

A Rifle Association having been formed at Stirling, any person or persons desirous of becoming members may do so by paying One Dollar and signing the Service Roll. This entitles him or them to two hundred rounds of ammunition for rifle practice. Applications received up to May 14th, 1904, when the rifle practices begin. Apply to T. H. McKEE, Captain, or Surgeon H. H. ALGER, Sec. of Assn.

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The Stirling Foundry is also a road mare and two colts, coming one and two years old. All parties indebted to the undersigned will please call and settle by cash or note without further notice. By doing so you will confer a favor, as on account of ill health I wish to get my business settled up.

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Marmora L. O. L. is preparing to build a new hall, to cost about \$1000.

Mr. James Carson, of Quakertown, Berks county, Pennsylvania, was in Toronto last week, and announced himself as the advance guard of a large body of Quakers who will next month begin a tour of Canada with the object of laying the beauties of the faith of George Fox before the people, with the object of increasing the number of adherents of the sect in the Dominion. Toronto probably will be the place where the Quakers will open services, and from here they will go to London, St. Thomas, Hamilton, Montreal and Kingston, the tour lasting about six weeks. In all there will be about a hundred Brothers and Sisters in the party.

### Very Easy.

"Don't you wish you were as smart as Conan Doyle's detective?" "My dear sir," replied the modern detective, "if they'd let me plan the crimes in the first place I could discover the facts in ways quite as extraordinary as those of any detective that an author ever put into a book."

### After the Honeymoon.

"Anyhow, Jack, you cannot say that I ran after you at the time of our marriage." "You never spoke a truer word, Maria, but neither does the mousetrap run after the mouse, yet it catches it all the same."

### One Sense Keen.

Rob—Say, Rob, loan me \$100, will you? Bob—Why, man, have you lost your senses? Rob—None; at least not my sense of touch.

Attractiveness of New Friends. Edmonia—How you do love to make new friends! Enstacia—Yes, they are so much more polite than old ones.

Of all the evil spirits abroad in the world insincerity is the most dangerous. —Froude.



Miss Alice M. Smith, of Minneapolis, Minn., tells how woman's monthly suffering may be permanently relieved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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### SCOTCH NAMES.

The Reason They Abound Among the Creek and Cherokee Indians.

The prevalence of Scotch names with the Creek and Cherokee Indians has at various times been the source of some comment. Although other nations, and in fact nearly every nation, is represented by the names borne by these people, these Scotch names are far more numerous and have suffered less change than those acquired from any other nation. The names of some of these Scotch Indians are closely allied with the history of these two nations for the past 100 years, and for several generations such names as McIntosh, McKellop, McCombs, McQueen and McGillivray are registered on nearly all the treaties and official papers of moment to either nation. Men bearing these names today are among the foremost of the progressive Indians.

As was stated, the origin of these Scotch names dates back over 100 years. At that time the Creek and Cherokee Indians more especially bent their efforts toward building up a nation of physically perfect men. The women were encouraged to mate only with the strong, robust men of the tribe, and if a weak man withstood the taunts and gibes of his fellows and remained there was little chance of his securing a wife. In that way the life of these people was almost Spartan.

While this sentiment was at its height and the tribes were living in Georgia, some time before the Revolution, a regiment of Scotch highlanders was quartered in the vicinity of one of the principal villages of the nation. The Indian maidens looked with favor on the burly men of the north of Scotland, and a number of marriages was the result. When the regiment was ordered back to England or to some other quarter of the globe there were some of these Scotchmen who stayed behind, and their names have thus been fixed in the annals of the Creek nation. It is through the Creeks that the Cherokees acquired their Scotch names.

### A TRYING MEAL.

The Fine Flavor of the Jam Came From a Moving Source.

In Mr. Julian Hawthorne's "Hawthorne and His Circle" is the story of an experience which will doubtless be appreciated by many housekeepers who have suffered similar agony, if not from precisely the same cause.

One night during Mr. Hawthorne's term as consul at Liverpool his friend, Mr. Henry Bright, the water color artist, came to an informal supper, and Mrs. Hawthorne, in honor of her guest, placed upon the table a jar of especially fine raspberry jam.

Mr. Bright tasted the jam and at once became enthusiastic. He had never eaten any so delicious, he declared. There was a peculiar tang about it which surpassed his recollections of any jam he had ever tasted from boyhood up. He was still in the midst of his rhapsodies and still consuming their subject with enthusiasm when Mrs. Hawthorne, who had taken a little of the jam upon her own plate, made a ghastly discovery. The cover of the jam pot had evidently got ajar in the closet, and an innumerable army of almost microscopic ants had discovered the treasure and plunged eagerly into it.

What color the invading enemy may have been before they became incorporated with the jam nobody knew. At the time of the discovery they could be distinguished only by their struggles with the pervasive stickiness, and only then by the keenest eyes, and the eyes of Henry Bright were among the most nearsighted in England.

What was to be done? Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne stealthily exchanged "one awful look," and the question was asked. It was too late to recall the ants devoured by thousands; it was clearly one of the cases where ignorance was bliss. Mr. Bright accompanied his meal with a "continual psalm" in no pain, and only had to use a few bottles to bring about this wonderful change. I use it occasionally now when I am exceptionally tired or worn out."—Miss ALICE M. SMITH, 804 Third Ave., South Minneapolis, Minn., Chairman Executive Committee, Minneapolis Study Club. —\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound carries women safely through the various natural crises and is the safe-guard of woman's health. The truth about this great medicine is told in the letters from women being published in this paper constantly.

### A Delicate Refusal.

Levassor, the well known French comic singer, once took part in a charity concert in Paris and after the performance was invited by the promoters to supper along with the rest of the performers. When all were seated at table Levassor found under his napkin an Easter egg out of which five pieces of gold dropped on to his being broken. "Ah, I perceive you have got to know that I am fond of boiled eggs," the comedian gayly remarked to his entertainer, "but you are probably not aware that I only eat the white and must therefore ask you to give the yolk to the poor."

### Mending Matters.

Mistress—Did any one call while I was out? New Girl—Yes, mum. Mrs. Wayupp called. "Did she seem disappointed when you said I was not at home?" "Well, she did look a little queer, but I told her she needn't get mad about it, 'cause it was really true this time."

### Proficiency.

He was a cornet soloist, indeed, but by no means witty. "Musical proficiency," said he, "is a matter of give and take." "Pah!" Give and take what? "Pah!" he said, illustrating his notion by running a few scales.

### Borrowing.

"Did he borrow any money from you?" "Borrow! How can I tell unless he returns it?"—Exchange.

### HOW TO LIVE LONG.

Eat Sparingly and as Life Wanes Eat Still More Sparingly.

That most men dig their graves with their teeth has seldom been pointed out more forcibly than is done in the Century in an article by Roger S. Tracy, entitled "How to Live Long." The three-score and ten limit to human life is pronounced a fallacy. Death from old age, occurring at seventy-five or eighty, is a misnomer. Comparative physiologists, we are told, have set the natural years of man at 100, even sometimes at 120, and the reason why the overwhelming majority fall short of normal life is comprised in one sentence—we all eat too much. He, then, who would live to be old, retaining sight, hearing and some digestion, not relinquishing the power of healthy enjoyment, has but to follow a simple rule. Eat sparingly. Refrain from clogging the system by an over-supply of food. Never entirely satisfy the appetite, and make it a habit occasionally to omit a meal or two altogether.

"If I were to assign any one thing as especially conducive to long life from a study of the habits of centenarians, it would be semistarvation," says one authority quoted, and the example is cited of one Luigi Cornaro, who, having lived the pace that killed, amended his ways when death threatened and so reorganized his enfeebled body by a life of temperance and restraint that he lived to be 100, although the doctors had given him up at forty. In middle life, from thirty-five to forty-five, according to Dr. Tracy, there comes a warning of the powers. The effects of overindulgence in eating or drinking are no longer vigorously thrown off as in youth. If the fact is not recognized and the same habits are kept up as heretofore, there is trouble ahead. But if the individual adopts a new regimen of diet, diminishes his meals and regulates his existence as becomes his sober years a sort of rejuvenation follows, and if at the second climacteric, occurring somewhere between sixty and seventy, there is a further pull up in the food supply, regulated by the slackening powers of assimilation, a hale old age is extremely likely to ensue.

### HEALTH RULES.

A clean and cheerful house makes a happy home.

Rise early, retire early and fill your day with work.

Frugality and sobriety form the best elixir of longevity.

Cleanliness prevents rust; the best cared for machines last the longest.

Water and bread maintain life; pure air and sunshine are indispensable to health.

Enough sleep repairs waste and strengthens; too much sleep softens and enfeebles.

Cheerfulness makes love of life, and love of life is half of health. On the contrary, sadness and discouragement hasten old age.

The mind is refreshed and invigorated by distractions and amusement, but abuse of them leads to dissipation and dissipation to vice.

To be sensibly dressed is to give freedom to one's movements and enough warmth to be protected from sudden changes of temperature.

### His Self Sacrificing Disposition.

"There isn't anything my boy William won't do to oblige a friend if he likes him," Mrs. Hockafus was saying. "We had a leg of lamb the other day for dinner, and Willie ate it all I thought he'd burst, but when he went out to play ten minutes afterward a neighbor's boy told him they were going to have roast goose for dinner at their house and asked him to go and eat with them. Willie didn't want to be uncivil, so he went along, and just as sure as I'm sitting here he pretended he was hungry and ate more of that roast goose than the other boy did!"

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### Deserving of Pity.

"There goes Roxham. Every time I think of that man's financial embarrassment it makes me yearn to help him."

"Financial embarrassment?" "Yes. He's got so much money he doesn't know what to do with it."

### A Temporary Opinion.

The Fiancee—The idea of his thinking that he is unworthy of me! The Confidante—Yes, but you needn't argue the matter with him. He'll discover his error in time.

### Very Likely.

"I wonder what Bragg means by forever talking of his 'social obligations'?" "I suppose he's a member of several social organizations and never pays his dues."—Exchange.

### An Economical Scheme.

"But why did he marry?" "So as to have some one to help him live within his income. He couldn't do it alone."

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